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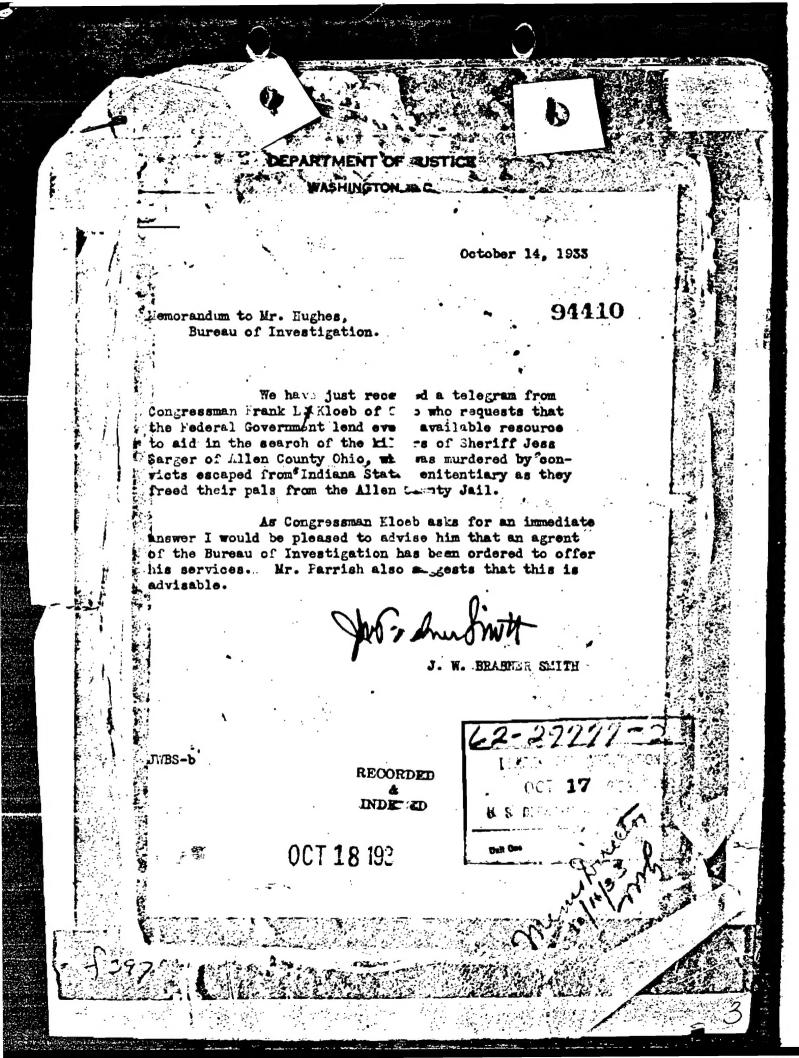
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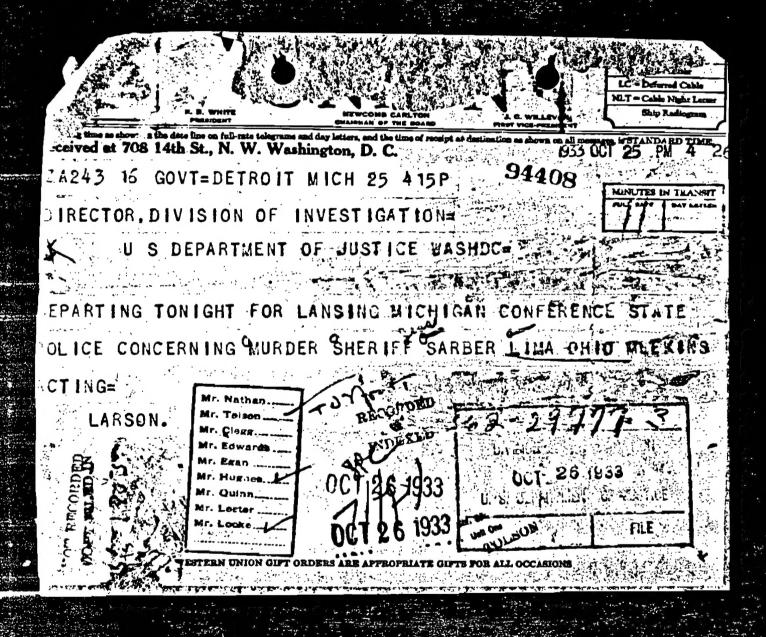
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94411 MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR. Mr. Brabner Smith called on the telephone and stated that he has a telegram from the Sheriff in Ohio asking for the assistance of this Division in the investigation of the shooting of a Sheriff there by escaped convicts. He stated he had talked with Mr. Parrish and ir. Parrish felt that it would be a good idea to have an agent contact the Uhio people and make an offer of cooperation and perhaps accomplish something in the way of fingerprint identification. I told Mr. Smith that inasmuch as the case was one entirely without the jurisdiction of the Division I felt that the Director would like to have something in writing from either Mr. Partish or the Department before taking any action: - ir. Smith stated in wanted to send a telegran in reply immediately stating that an Agent would call upon them. I told him that I could not authorize him to send such a telegram; that the matter would have to be passed upon by the Director and that a themorphical should be addressed to the Director. Respec

D'ahington, B. October 16, 1933 MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECT 94409 Upon receipt of the attached memorandum from J. W. Brabner Smith, dated October 14, 1933, I conferred with Mr. Frank M. Parrish. 4r. Parrish stated that he had previously talked to Mr. Smith and felt that it might be a good idea to have one of our Agents contact Congressman Kloeb of Ohio and volunteer to cooperate to a limited extent at least, with the authorities of Allen County, Ohio. in their efforts to identify and apprehend the killers of Sheriff Jess Sarger. I thereupon called the Detroit Office and advised Agent in Charge Larson of the telegram received from Congressman Kloeb and of the suggestion of the Department, and directed that he communicate with the Allen County authorities and offer such cooperation as might be practicable in the way of identifying latent fingerprints, or forwarding the fingerprints of any convicts who were suspected of this crime. Mr. Larson stated that he would give the matter immediate attention. I advised Mr. Smith of the fact that the Division had appropriately instructed its Detroit Office. Respectfully V. W. Hughes. RECORDED 62-29777 INDEXED





TE BUREAU OF CRIMINAL IDENTIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION

October 18th

1933

Wr. J. E. Hoover, Director, Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

I was in conference yesterday, with Mr. Ernest Botkins, Prosecuting Attorney of Allen County, Lima, Ohio, in connection with the Jail Delivery and the Murder of the sheriff of Allen County.

Me stated that your Mr. Wm. Larsen of the Detroit office was in to see him with reference to this case, and informed Mr. Botkins that the Department of Justice would gladly circularize these wanted men, but did not want to do so, until he contacted me so that there would not be a duplication of efforts.

We shall be glad to discuss the matter with your man if the meeting can be arranged by you.

I feel certain that your Bureau has been advised of the names of the men wanted in this case, but in the event that the information has not reached you the following is the list; Charles Makley, John Hamilton, Edward Shouse, Russell Clark, Henry Fierpont, Harry Copeland, and John Dillinger. They all have been indicted for Murder, Jail Delivery and Bank Robbery. There is ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR REWARD on each of their heads, DEAD OR ALIVE for their return to Allen County. We have late pictures of the majority of these men in this Bureau, if you so desire to use them.

With assurances of my desire to co-operate with you in this case or in any other in which our services will be of assistance to you. Anxiously awaiting a reply from 30 you in regard to the above mentioned case, I remain,

Yours very truly

HOLDON HOBITSON, ASST. SUD

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62-29777-4 Mr. Howard G. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent, Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, London, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Robinson:

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I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication of the 18th instant with reference to your conference with Mr. Ernest Botkins, Prosecuting Attorney of Allen County, Lina, Ohio, and with reference to the jail delivery and the murder of the Sheriff of Allen County.

As indicated in your letter, a memorandum has been received from Mr. Larson, Special Agent in Charge of the Detroit Office of thir Division, and I have since taken steps to cooperate actively with the Indiana State authorities in their efforts to bring about the location and apprehension of the escapes from their institution, who, I understand, form a part of the group which caused the jail delivery and murder of the Sheriff at Lima, Ohio.

With reference to your remarks relative to circularisation of the men who are wanted for this offense, I believe it would be well for Mr. Botkins to proceed with the preparation and distribution of his circulars, and in the meantime I shall place in our bulletim, *Fugitives Wanted by Police*, the names, descriptions and fingerprint classifications of the individuals in question. This bulletin, as you probably know, has a circulation of approximately 7,000. Of course, wanted notices will be placed in our identification files immediately so that in the event any of these persons are apprehended you may be notified promptly.

I would suggest, too, that in the event you receive information said you desire to check at points distant from Lima, I shall este glad to cause an appropriate inquiry upon receipt of your request, and I trust that our cooperation will prove of assistance in the appropriate persons.

Sincerely yours,

Director.

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MEMORANDUM FOR UNIT FIVE, IDENTIFICATION UNIT

A letter has been received from Mr. Howard G. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of the Ohio State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, under date of October 13th, a copy of which is attached, advising of the fact that the following nemed individuals are wanted in connection with the jail delivery and murder of the Sheriff of Allen County, at Lina, Ohio:

> Charles Makley John Hamilton Edward Shouse V Eussell Clark Henry Pierpout Harry Copeland John Dillinger

Presumably you have records on these individuals, as I understand they were formerly incarcerated in the Indiana State Penitentiary.

Please place wanted notices in your files and arrange to publish their names and descriptions in the next issue of the bulletin, "Fugitives Wanted by Police".

Very truly yours,

Director.

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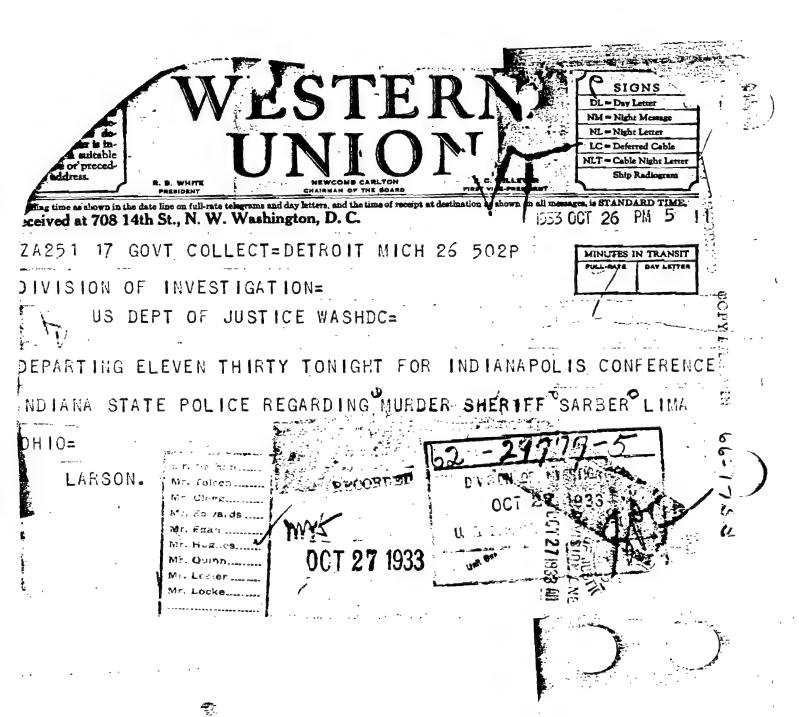
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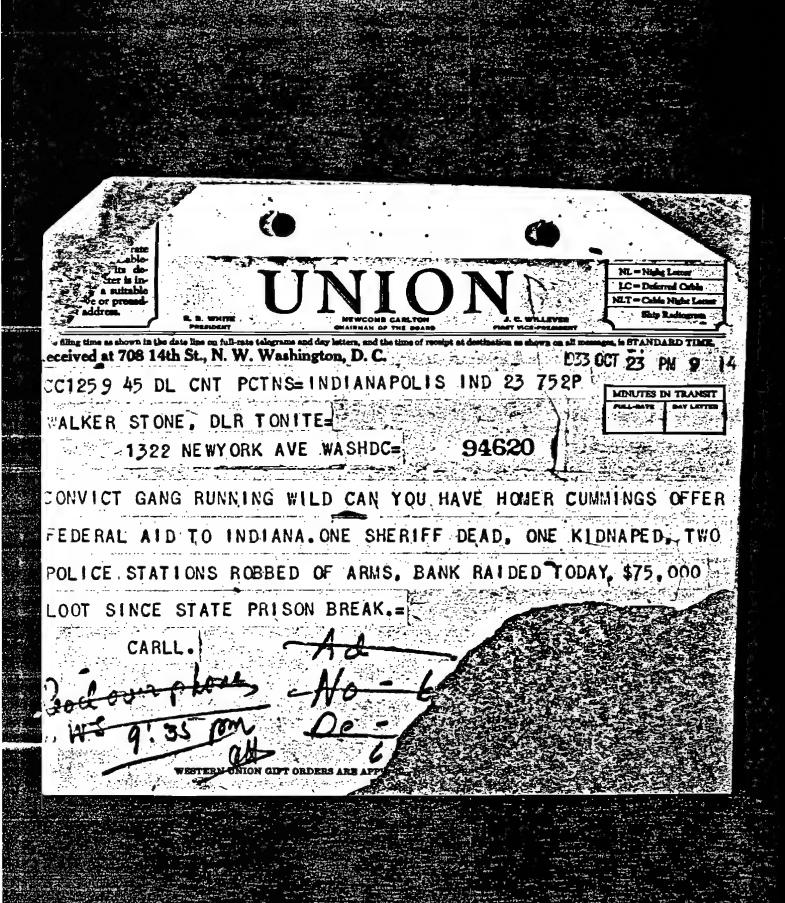
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which I sent a message to the Attorney General. Also shaloses is a story mich appeared in yesterday's issue of the Indianapoli Times. There have been several developments since this atory written, but I am not able to give an exact report on that occurred yesterday afternoon and last night.

It occurs to me that you might get a fill in telephoning your representatives in Indianapolis.

Please telephone me as soon as you decide what

sincerely,

Walker Stone

Telephone: District 6040

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Tour of Prison Here.

Grim-faced and aroused, the county council met in infinal session at the county jail today and approved the plan Sheriff Charles (Buck) Sumner for protecting Marion country possible attack by organized criminal gangs.

After an inspection tour of the jail, council members thorized county commissioners to proceed at once with construction of an armor plate gunner's cage, purchase of a net chine gun. five rifles and three shotguns.

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London, Chie. October 19, 17-3. Mr. William Larson, U.S. Department of Justice, Detroit, Michigan. Dear Mr. Larson: Conferring with Mr. Ernest Botkins, Prosecuting Attorney of Allen County, Lime, Ohio in connection with the Jail Delivery and Murder of the Sheriff; of Allen County. He informs me that your Department of Justice would gladly circularize these wanted men, but that you did not want to do so until you had talked the matter over with me, in order to avoid duplication of efforts. I have no objections to Your Department circularizing these men and suggest that it be done without further delay. If at any time in the near future that you should be in this vicinity I shall be glad to discuss the various phases of this case with you.

With assurances of my desire to cooperate with you in this case or in any other in which our seriess will be of assistance to you. I am.

Yours very truly,

HOWARD G. ROBINSON, Ass't. Sup't.

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I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter received at this office from Mr. Howard G. Robinson, lesistant Superintendent of the Chic State Identification Bureau, London, Ohio, dated October 19, 1935, which, it will be noted, someons the insumes and distribution of identification orders for the following named fugitives who are involved in the murder of Sheriff Jense Sarbor, Liam, Ohio, Suring the recent assays from the sounty jail there of John Dillinger, who was being held on a State nharge of bank robbergy.

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In this connection, reference is made to my equation of Cotober 30, 1988, showing the result of an inquiry made at lime, this, by this office. During the course of the investigation, and while conferring with Mr. Botkin, Prosecuting Attorney, he informed me that it was him understanding that the Chie State Identification Bureau was contemplating issuing identification orders, and I advised Mr. Botkin that if the division bould be of any assistance in distributing the identification orders, he should be extent this office and sequences arrangements sould be made with the division at washington along this line. Be advised me that he intended to confer further regarding this matter with Mr. Bobinson of the Chie State Identification Bureau.

It will be noted in the copy of the communication transmitted herewith, that evidently Mr. Bothin is assuming that the division would issue the identification orders as well as distribute them. Following the receipt of the letter from Mr. Robinson, I telephonically examinested hits bin, Bobinson, at Zenesville, thie, where he was found attending a convention and I then informed him, if he so desired, that the division would him tribute the identification orders by forwarding copies to each of the

be a stripen of the Sale of the Stripen of the Stri top the stated that he did not bollere that if was the ferrell was of the bles to print identification orders on state mariore, then he air. Bobinson that Mr. Botkin was confused about the matter, appreciated our interest is all in the distribution of these identification of these identifications. sation orders, and that he maid take facediate stops to further scale Bothin with regard to the instance of same, and that either this or the Cincinnets arries and be notified achderning arrangement made for distribution. · · 《公司·新闻·新西·斯·林· Mr. Robinson also stated that be me very destrous of conferring with sofireen sative of this division pagarding federal aid in state las sal organis, indicating that with a short time there is to be a peace officers' convention in his vicine, and he wanted to be able to infer them of the work performed by this division. I presume killspring was one of the particular subjects he had a mind. I advised Mr. Hobinson that in view of the fact that he was looked in a berritary covered by

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Med always rendered him very excellent/cooperation, and that was very willing to furnish all possible esciatance and cooperation. It my here he stated that Mr. Bobinson has made several trips to line in connection with the murdes of Sheriff Serbes, and is well familiar with the angles of this case, and it is therefore suggested that the agent from Cincinnation to ontacting Mr. Bobinson determine if he has any editional information of effor which might assist in the location of the fugitives.

The substance of the information set out to this latter was telephonically furnished to your office pesterday.

Pery truly yours

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October 28, 1933

Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

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With reference to telephone conversation with Acting Special Agent in Charge N. B. Klein, October 24, 1933 Agent Klein immediately contacted Mr. Matt Leach, Chief of the Indiana State Police at Indianapolis, Indiana by telephone and also arranged with Agent Bliss Morton at Indianapolis, to contact the Indiana State Police as to this matter, in order that they might forward to us complete information as to the various prisoners who had escaped and, also, it was arranged that Mr. Leach would forward to the Division complete information as to the various persons concerned with this activity, and this was done by Mr. Leach in his letter of October 25, 1935 addressed to the Division at Washington, D. C., copy of which was later furnished to me by Walter Mentzer of the Indiana State Police, who is working on this case at Hamilton, Ohio.

In detailed conversation as to this matter by Agent Bliss Morton, with Captain Matt Leach of the Indiana State Police at Indianapolis, Indiana, he furnished us the information as indicated above, which was furnished to the Division in letter of October 25, 1935.

Captain Matt Leach advised Agent Morton in subsequent conversation of October 26, 1933 that the mem who escaped from the State Prison have not been identified as connected with any of the bank robber

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He further advised that Dillinger when arrested at Dayton, Ohio released his Essex Terraplane automobile to Attorney Eagan, Dayton, Chio and the latter turned the car over to Dillinger's brother, who lives at 409 IaSalle St., Indianapolis, Indiana; that the brother, in turn, transferred same to Mrs. John Dillinger, 1052 S. End St., Hamilton, Ohio October 6, 19352 that thereafter she was issued Ohio license plates A 63,167 on this car; that these same plates were used on a Studebaker car in connection with the robbery of the bank at Greencastle, Indiana; that one Mary Kinder, 930 Daily St., Indianapolis, Indiana is suspected of being connected with Dillinger in his operations and in this connection, this same information, of course, has appeared in the newspapers, together with the picture of this woman. The State Police have not been able to locate her, but have questioned her mother, and sister-in-law; that Dillinger uses the name of John Donovan; that he had rented an apartment as John Donovan at Gary, Indiana with Sam AGoldstein, now serving a sentence in Michigan City, Indiana State Penitentiary that he, Captain Leach advised he did not wish Dillinger's brother talked to or arrested at present, as he has the brother's house covered and his watching his movements.

In connection with the contact with the Indiana State Police, I understand that Special Agent in Charge Larson of the Detroit office, as per information furnished by Agent Bliss Morton was at Indianapolis on October 27, 1933 to confer with Captain Matt Leach, who apparently was out of the City.

Contact was also had with Mr. Robinson, Assistant Superintendent of the Division of Criminal Identification, State of Chic, London, Chic by telephone and he advised Special Agent N. B. Klein that he would forward to us immediately he had same prepared, circulars or identification orders of the State, as to the possible seven persons involved in connection with the Lima, Chic murder of the Sheriff, there, which he desired us to forward to points in Southern Chic, Southern Indiana and Northern Chic, as to which latter, we will immediately forward the supply furnished to the Detroit Office, in order that they may furnish same to their mailing list.

Reference is made to letter of the Detroit office under date of October 20, 1935 referring to the activity of Special Agent in Charge Larson at Lima, Ohio and particularly to that portion indicating that Fred Pierpont had furnished them rather definite information that a number of these Fugitives were located at 1052 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, Ohio or located in a cottage along the river bank, out of Hamilton, Ohio and in this connection, yesterday, I conferred with Mr. Walter Mentzer of the

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Indiana State Police, who has been handling the investigation at Hamilton, Ohio and Mr. A. E. Lincoln, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Butler County, Hamilton. Ohio who called at the Division office here and advised that upon the arrival of the Indiana State Police and other officers at Hamilton, Chio on the night of October 15, 1935 at approximately midnight, they contacted the Chief of Police Calhoun and advised him of their mission and thereafter. it was suggested that one of the Indiana State Police accompany the Chief of Detectives on an observation of the house at 1052 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, Ohio, which they did about 12:30 A.M., and at this time they noted a light in the house and all the blinds were closely drawn. Also, they noted that there were two cars in the garage at 1052 S. 2nd St., and 1054 S. 2nd St. That they thereafter returned, apparently to headquarters, and debated upon the next move necessary and thereafter at about 7:30 A.M. October 15, 1935 they raided this address, and at this time they found nobody there; the beds had not been slept in the night before and one of the automobiles in the garage previously above noted, had disappeared.

Mr. Mentzer indicated that possibly they had been tipped off in Hamilton, Ohio as to this; that they then thereafter proceeded to the house on the river bank, near Hamilton, which had apparently been occupied by the five men and apparently they thereafter left shortly before the arrival of the officers. Apparently there is no question but what the five men concerned are those referred to in the letter of the Detroit office under date of October 20, 1933 and were the persons responsible for the killing at hims, Ohio and as will be noted, due to the manner in which they endeavored to apprehend them, they apparently were warned of the efforts of the officers being made to apprehend them.

In connection with the car which remained in the garage at 1052 S. 2nd St., we had previously been advised by Chief of Police J. C. Calhoun that they had recovered this car; that they believed it had been used by the parties who were identified as having killed the Sheriff at Lime, Ohio, that is evidently Dillinger, Pierpont and one John Hamilton, Michigan City Penitentiary #11965; that they had left this car at the address, however, as will be noted when this car was recovered there was nobody at home at either address and no information could be obtained that anyone was in possession of this particular car, at any time; that this car was a black Ford Y-8, two door Sedan, 1930 model worth apparently \$500.00. motor #18394929. bearing Illinois license 1935 #1268040; that the Automobile Protective and Information Bureau, Chicago, Illinois had reported that this car was stolen from W. H. Underwood, 1337 Fargo Ave., Chicago, Liv. worder 6, 1933. Chief of Police Calhoun indicated that Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hooten, who had been living at 1052 S. 2nd Sta, were now located at 215 W. Chestnut St., Hamilton, Ohio; that the Chief had interviewed these people and they denied any knowledge concerning this car; that in connection with the information furnished by Fred Pierpont, Dillinger etal, were located at a camp near Venice, Ohio Bridge, Colerain Pike near Hamilton end that they had located this camp and same showed signs of very recent occupancy, and that a note Was found on the table "Thanks Dillinger, for the new scat".

They advised that a bill was also found this coat, showing that a lady's Lapin jacket had been purchased at Rollman's Cincinnati Ohio for cash, October 13, 1933.

Mr. Calhoun was of the opinion that this car had been driven by Dillinger, et al., and that Mr. and Mrs. Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Hooten knew the whereabouts of these man, as they apparently had spent considerable time with them at the camp, above referred to. He was of the opinion that possibly if the Wagners and Hootens were arrested for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act, they might be induced to tell something as to the location of these parties.

In this connection, Special Agent Wood conferred with United States Attorney Canny as to the possible issuance of a warrant for the Wagners and Hootens and he indicated, at that time, he did not believe there was sufficient upon which to file against them, as to this particular automobile, however, this will be considered further in the possible working-out of the case.

According to Mr. Lincoln, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Hamilton, Ohio the Hosten family is now living on State Route #4, Middletown-Hamilton Pike, which is just beyond the Fair Grounds, outside the city limits; that Mrs. Leroy Hooten is the former wife of Bob Kolker, convict, who served sentence at Atlanta Penitentiary, and she is the sister-in-law of Russell Oclark, one of the gang sought in connection with this matter; that Stanley Magner, who lives at 1052 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, Ohio and owns this property and the property at 1054 S. 2nd St., Hamilton, Ohio is the father of Mrs. Hooten; that there is a son Walter-Wagner, also living at this address, Walter Wagner being a taxi driver in Hamilton, Ohio.

Mr. Lincoln advised that George Wagner lives at 215 W. Chestmit St., Hamilton, Ohio; that George Wagner is a relative of Stanley Wagner and apparently these people are still located at 1052 S. 2nd St., as Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Mentzer have been making observations of the place as late as October 27, 1935.

In connection with the above indicated information, it has been indicated by the officers who conferred with me that there is some apprehension of a leak in connection with their contact with the Police at Hamilton, Ohio and it was suggested that possibly the Indiana State Police could designate one or more under-cover men to work at Hamilton, Ohio in order to cover the movements of the Wagners and the Hootens, whom it is believed will contact these parties, particularly if they are hiding out in the vicinity of Hamilton, Ohio. Arrangements were made to render every and all possible assistance to Mr. Mentzer in connection with his work at Hamilton, Ohio or the under-cover men whom they desire to place there with the possibility in mind that some contact may be made with these various persons, although apparently they have been

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to raid the place in question.

Special Agent Bliss Morton at Indianapolis, Indiana has been instructed to keep in close contact with Captain Leach of the Indiana State Police and we will endeavor to render any and all possible assistance to the Indiana State Police as to this in accordance with instructions of the Director, it being indicated that it was his desire that we cooperate fully with them in every manner possible and if necessary, use any and all Agents of the office for this, however, that we were not to take the initiative in the activity as against these FUGITIVES.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge.

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with the real party. George J. Jenkins, father, 518 West Madison St., South Bend, Ind. Miss Rena Brown, sister, R. R. 1, Bedford, Indiana.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

In connection with the escape of prisoners from the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, on September 26, 1933, and the murder of the Sheriff at Lima, Ohio, on October 12, 1933, I contacted Special Agent in Charge D. M. Ladd of the St. Louis office and requested that he instruct all the agents in that office to advise law enforcement officials of the desperate character of these criminals and to exert every possible effort to cause their apprehension, in cooperation with local officials. Mr. Ladd was advised that the names and photographs of these escapes would be furnished to him by the Division immediately.

Respectfully,

S. P. COWLEY.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Mr. Jones, of the Mashington Times, called to ascertain something of the details concerning the escape of ten prisoners from the Indiana State Penitentiary. I advised him that we had none of the details at this time. He knew, in fact had been told by Colonel Gates, of the fact that the Division is cooperating with the state authorities.

Respectfully,

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625 Lafeyette Bldg., Detroit, Michigan. October 20, 1935 Mr. Nathan......
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Director,
Division of Investigation,
U. S. Dept. of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic communication received from Mr. Vincent Hughes on 10/14/33, requesting that efficials at Lima, Ohio be contacted for the purpose of this Division's rendering aid with regard to the murder of Sheriff Jesse Sarber at Lima, Ohio on 10/12/33 during a jail delivery at which time a prisoner, John Dillinger, escaped from the county jail.

Dillinger, a former convict of the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, was incarcerated in the county jail at Lima, Ohio on a charge of bank robbery which occurred at Bluffton, Ohio. He was arrested by the Dayton, Ohio Police and subsequently removed to Lima on 9/28/53.

Accompanied by Special Agent (A) Genau, I proceeded to Lima on Saturday afternoon, following the call received from Mr. Highes. and immediately went into conference with the Prosecuting Attorney, Mr. Ernest M. Botkins; Chief of Police J. W. Cooks; Inspector of Police B. J. Rooney and Detectives Clyde Dickson and James Goodwin who were engaged in this investigation. Also, an interview was had with Mrs. Jesse Sarber. wife of the slain sheriff, and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Sharp. It was 👑 determined through the above mentioned interview that at about 6:00 P.M. on the night of 10/12/33, three men entered the sheriff's office, stating that they were from the Indiana State Prison and came to get John Dillinger who was a parolecfrom that institution. The sheriff, who was seated at his deak, eaked the man who was doing the talking, for his credentials and simultaneously the individual pulled a gun and advised the sheriff that that was his authority. It appears that the sheriff evidently made a move to reach his own gun which was on the desk and as he did so the slayer ... fired a bullet through the sheriff's abdoman. He then quickly jumped on the sheriff and began beating him on the head with the butt of a pistol. beriff fell helpless to the floor.

The second man then asked Deputy Sheriff Sharp for the keys and Mrs. Sarber, who was also seated in the room during the time of the shooting, rushed to the spot where the keys were kept and handed them to the criminals to avoid any further killing. The door of the jail was then opened and the three man commanded Deputy Sheriff Sharp and Mrs.

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Sarbar to enter the jail, leaving the sheriff dying on the floor. They then called for Dillinger who hastily prepared himself to leave and after firing another shot into the jail proper, evidently to prevent any of the other inmates from following them, the criminals looked the jail doors and fled. Deputy Sheriff Sharp stated that he could see one man standing outside of the door leading to the sheriff's office, apparently on guard.

From all indications there were five shots fired - one which hit the sheriff, two others which were evidently fired at the sheriff but missed - one striking the desk and ricocheting to the other end of the room - the third striking the wall; the fourth was fired inside the jail and there is a bullet hole in one of the doors leading from the sheriff's office, indicating that one shot had gone in that direction. However, only four bullets were found.

Following the escape it was learned that two pistols had been stolen from the sheriff's desk by the killers, viz. #1 - 38 Police Special nickel plated Colt #557614-N. On the side of the handle of this gun was stamped "Property Allen County Sheriff"; #2 - 38 Colt, Detective Special Blued Steel, 8" barrel, #410172-A-1. This gun belonged to the sheriff. The other was the property of Deputy Sheriff Sharp. The keys which were furnished by Mrs. Sarber were also taken by the bandits.

A period of about 15 minutes elapsed before the sheriff was given medical aid and he died in the hospital two hours later. The authorities at Lima advised that evidently the blows on the head caused his death as the bullet into the abdomen did not hit any vital spots. Mrs. Sarber and Deputy Sheriff Sharp remained locked in the jail for 20 or 25 minutes until the locks could be knocked off to effect their release.

It appears that while Dillinger was incarcerated in the jail he had dropped statements to other prisoners, mentioning the name of Harry Pierpont, indicating that Pierpont was an escape from the Indiana State Prison and that his home was near Lima. A search of records was immediately made and it was found that Harry Pierpont was one of the convicts who escaped from the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Indiana on 9/28/33, during the wholesale escape there. A photograph of Pierpont was secured and when shown to Mrs. Sarber she partially identified it as the man who shot the sheriff.

A posse was immediately formed which was led by Chief of Police J. W. Cooke of Lima, Ohio, and a search was made of the premises occupied by Harry Pierpont's parents and brother, about four miles from Leipsic and about 35 miles from Lima. This search took place about 10:00 P.M. on the night of the slaying, 10/12/33. No trace of the bandits

was found and there was nothing on the property to indicate that the killers were in that vicinity. However, an Oldsmobile Coach, Motor #113694, was found in the barn without license plates. When first questioned, Fred Pierpont, brother of the convict, stated that he owned the car, but later changed this and told several conflicting stories regarding the car, finally stating that an individual had appeared at his house about three weeks previous and had left the car for repairs. (It may be stated here that Fred Pierpont is a mechanic and occasionally repairs automobiles.)

Upon carefully going into this angle the Police Department learned that a car answering the description of an Oldsmobile had been seen in the vicinity of a bank which was robbed in St. Marys, Ohio on 10/3/53 and there appeared to be a definite connection therefore between this car and the bank robbery at St. Marys. The Police at Lima immediately dispatched a wire to the Automobile Protective and Information Eureau at Chicago, requesting to be advised if they had any information regarding this particular automobile, and in response they received a wire dated 10/14/35 from the above organization, advising that this Oldsmobile was sold by the Sheair Motor Sales Company of Chicago to one Arthur S. Cherrington, 2518 Sunnyside Ave., Chicago, and that same had not been reported stolen. The Automobile Protective and Information Bureau also advised that they had made an inquiry at the above address and learned that Cherrington had rented an apartment there from 9/5/53 to 9/15/35, and that no forwarding address had been left.

Following the receipt of this wire Fred Pierpont was further interrogated and he stated at that time that Cherrington was the name of the man who left the car in his garage to be repaired, and later identified the photograph of Harry Copeland who was a parole from the Indiana State Prison and also wanted in the holdup of the Daleville Bank, Daleville, Indiana on 7/8/33, as being Cherrington. Deputy Sheriff W. L. Sharp, who was in the sheriff's office during the time of the shooting, partially identified the photograph of Copeland as the man who held the gum on him, Sharp. He also positively identified the photograph of Harry Pierpont as the man who shot the sheriff.

Fred Pierpont, the authorities advised upon our arrival at Lima, emphatically denied that he had any knowledge regarding the whereabouts of his brother or his brother's activities. Special Agent Genau and myself arrived at Lima about 8:00 P.M. on the night of 10/14/35 and after being informed of all the facts regarding this offense, it was deemed advisable to further interrogate Fred Pierpont. This interrogation lasted until 5:00 A.M. on the morning of 10/15/33, and although it was clearly indicated at that moment that he desired to talk and was in

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possession of valuable information, he stated that he desired to consult his attorney and his father and mother before making any statement. We immediately took this matter up with the Prosecuting Attorney, Ernest M. Botkins, and the interested police officials, pointing out that it would be well to ascertain the attitude of his attorney, Mr. Warren of Leipsie, and attempt to have him request his client to give the necessary information. It was ascertained that Fred Pierpont's mother had taken an antagonistic attitude toward the police and not much co-operation could be expected from her. However, it was felt that with the assistance of the attorney she could be persuaded to render assistance.

Upon interviewing Mr. Warren, the attorney, and following a lengthy talk with him, it was determined that he would assist the authorities in every way possible, and following a general consultation between Fred Pierpont, his attorney and his parents, he talked freely and made a very complete statement. This statement has not as yet been prepared by the stenographer at Lima, but a copy will be forwarded to this office at the earliest possible date.

Fred Pierpont related in substance that shortly after the escape of the ten convicts from the Indiana State Prison on 9/26/33, his brother, one of the convicts, and four other men, three of whom were also escapes, and the fifth, Harry Copeland, a parole from this institution and now wanted for bank robbery, appeared at his home late one night. He stated that their appearance was a complete surprise to him as his brother had not notified his family that he was intending to come to Leipsic. He stated that these five men stayed at the house for a short while and visited the entire family and then departed. His brother, Harry, at that time told him, Fred, that he had an Oldsmobile automobile which was not stolen but which one of the men who is now known to him as Copeland, alias Cherrington, had purchased, and that he would give Fred this automobile if he would call for it at Hamilton, Ohio where the gang indicated they were staying.

Harry Pierpont furnished his brother with the address "1052 South 2nd Ave., Hamilton, Ohio".

Within the course of the next two or three days Fred, with his mother, father and grandmother, drove to Hamilton in the family automobile and upon arriving at Hamilton Fred separated from the other members of the family and proceeded to the above address. He stated that he had we intention of remaining there but planned to secure the Oldsmobile and immediately drive back to Leipsic. Fred stated, however, that upon his arrival at Hamilton his brother informed him that the bill of sale on the car had not arrived from Chicago where the car was purchased, and that he, Fred, would have to remain there until the next day for the purpose of securing the bill of sale. Fred stated that he went back to the spot

where his family were waiting and informed them to drive back to Leipeic and that he would remain in Hamilton over-night. Fred Stated that the five men listed below, four of whom escaped from the Indiana State Prison on 9/26/55, and the fifth, Harry Copeland, alias Cherrington, were in the house at 1052 South 2nd Ave. and remained there with him during the night of 10/2/55:

#1 - Harry Pierpont, Indiana State Prison #11014, sentenced 5/6/25 for bank robbery to 10 to 21 years; description - age \$1; height 6' 1"; weight 162#; medium build; eyes grey; hair chestnut; complexion light; scar 1" in back of head.

#2 - Russell Clark, Indiana State Prison #11261, sentenced 12/12/27 for bank robbery to 20 years; description - age 53; height 6' ½"; weight 167#; eyes grey; hair dark chestnut; medium build; scar middle of back; body covered with small moles.

#3 - Charles Makley, Indiana State Prison #12636, sentenced 6/25/28 for bank robbery to 10 to 20 years; description - age 44; height 5' 7%; weight 180%; build medium heavy; eyes grey; hair dark chestnut; complexion medium dark; tip of left index finger emputated; right leg short - limps slightly.

#4 - Edward Shouse, Indiana State Prison #13915, sentenced 6/4/30 for auto theft to 25 years; description - age 27; height 5. 72; weight 150#; eyes medium blue; hair medium chestnut; complexion medium dark; build medium; scar depressed middle forehead; brown mole on right cheek.

#5 - Harry Copeland, alias Arthur S. Cherrington, Indiana State Prison #12231; description - age 58; height 5° 11"; weight 160#; brown eyes; hair dark brown; complexion fair; usually wears heavy mustache.

Fred went on to state that on the morning of 10/3/35 his brother, Harry, informed him that the gang was going away for the day and for him to make himself at home, and that they would be back in the evening with the Oldsmobile car. Fred stated that on the afternoon of 10/5/55 he went with a woman who was in the house, known to him as "Nona", to a small cottage along the banks of a river, about 12 or 14 miles from Hamilton, where they took a great quantity of groceries. He stated that it appeared to him as though someone was just going to move in; that with this woman he returned to 1052 South 2nd Avenue and shortly after their return the gang appeared and he was then given the Oldsmobile car which he drove back to Leipsic, his home. Fred stated that he believes there were Illinois license plates on the automobile before it was turned over to him. (Here

it is interesting to note that on 10/5/33 the bank robbery took place at St. Marys, Ohio, at which time an Oldsmobile automobile was seen. It therefore appears that the gang want out on this bank job while Fred Pierpont remained in Hamilton.)

Fred further went on to state that on Wednesday evening, 10/11/33, the five above named individuals again came to his home at Leipsic late at night and stated that they desired to remain there overnight; that they were driving two automobiles - an Essex Coach and a Chrysler Sedan. He was unable to give a description of the license plates but believes that one of the care bore Illinois plates; that they remained at the house over-night and on the following day, 10/12/53, which was the day the sheriff was murdered, they all departed in the two cars - his brother and another convict in the Essex and three in the Chrysler. This departure took place about 4:00 P.M. He stated that one car headed toward Lima and the other in the opposite direction. (Here it is interesting to note that it takes approximately one hour to drive to Lima and the murder took place at 6:00 P.M., which definitely places the five above named men in that vicinity at that time.) This evidence, together with the identification made by Mrs. Sarber, the sheriff's wife, and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Sharp, indicates very definitely that the five above named men committed the crime and effected the escape of John Dillinger.

During the interrogation Fred picked out the photographs of these five men and identified them as the persons who stayed at the home of his parents on the night of 10/11/33. (It may here be stated that neither Mrs. Sarber nor Deputy Sheriff Sharp have been able to identity the third man who was in the sheriff's office.) It appears that he stayed in the background. It was also known that the fourth man was at the side door and it is believed that the fifth was either at the front door of the sheriff's residence or in the automobile. Fred denied being implicated in the St. Marys bank robbery and offered proof as to places he visited in Hamilton while there on 10/3/55. It was ascertained that the authorities at St. Marys have secured the names of witnesses there who claim that they will partially identify Fred as being the driver of the Oldsmobile car, which is alleged to have been used in the robbery. In view of the above Fred is at the present time being held by authorities pending further investigation, and to avoid any further possible jail delivery, he has been removed to the county jail at Wapakoneta, Ohio without the knowledge of the public.

Following the statement made by Fred his mother, who denied any knowledge of ever having seen her son since his escape, corroborated her son's statement about the convicts coming to her home,

which strengthened the prosecution against the five men.

The interrogation of these people lasted until approximately 7:00 o'clock Sunday evening and with all of the information furnished, together with the address at Hamilton, Ohio and that of the cottage along the river banks, a posse was immediately formed and the authorities made a speedy trip to this point where they were met by several other officers from Indiana and points in Ohio. Fred warned the authorities to use extreme precaution, stating that he was well aware of the fact that the convicts would not be taken alive and that they had a great amount of ammunition and guns.

Special Agent Genau and myself remained at Lima and worked out various angles of the crime with the prosecuting attorney. Upon the return of the authorities we were advised that a very extensive search was made at Hamilton and it was found that the five convicts had evidently left the above address on the night previous. In searching the house they found several pieces of clothing and indications therein reflected that the convicts had evidently left hurriedly. Also, a practically new Ford V-8 automobile was found in the back yard. This car was described as 1933 model, speedometer reading 4582 miles, bearing Illinois license plates #1264040, Motor #1839492. It is believed that perhaps the above described license plates were the ones issued for the Oldsmobile car in Chicago. The authorities found no one at the cottage on the river banks nor at the house at 1052 South 2nd Ave., and further investigation along these lines is now being made. The authorities stated that in regard to the house on the river banks near Hamilton, it was determined through the owner that five men who enswered the descriptions of the above named individuals, had rented the house for a period of one week, but he was unable to furnish any further information regarding them. The Oldsmobile car above referred to is at the present time in a garage in Leipsic, Ohio, being held by the authorities.

A copy of this communication is being forwarded to the Chicago office with the suggestion that the names of the convicts mentioned herein be furnished to the Police Department at that city, together with the information concerning the purchase of the Oldsmobile car, evidently by Copeland using the alias of Cherrington and giving the address of 2318 Shinyside Avenue, Chicago. It is believed that perhaps all of these men were together in Chicago and perhaps all stayed at the above address there, and possibly were involved in several crimes during their stay in that city. Along this line the Federal Reserve messenger holdup is suggested in which a patrolman was killed.

Capt. Matt Leach of the Indiana State Police, who is

carrying on an extensive search for the convicts who escaped from the Indiana State Prison, informed me at Lima that he would forward photographs of the men with complete descriptions and other essential information to this office. We have on hand only the photographs of Copeland, alias Cherrington; Makley; Harry Pierpont and John Dillinger. Two of each of these are being forwarded to the Chicago office for identification purposes. It should, of course, be remembered that Dillinger was incarcerated during the time that the men are alleged to have been in Chicago. It is presumed that the photographs of Shouse and Clark, who are also escaped prisoners from the Indiana State Prison, are in possession of the Chicago Police.

If such action is deemed advisable by the Police, it is suggested that the photographs be exhibited to the person from whom the apartment was rented on Sunnyside Avenue, and to the salesman of the Sheair Motor Sales Company, Chicago, who sold the Oldsmobile car to Cherrington.

It has been ascertained that these five individuals are extremely "hard-boiled" and the robbing of banks appears to be merely a pastime.

Mr. Ernest M. Botkins, Prosecuting Attorney at Lima, informed the writer that authorities from the Ohio State Identification Bureau at London, Ohio, are conferring with him regarding the issuance of identification orders. In view thereof it does not appear necessary for the Bureau to render any assistance along this line.

John Dillinger who escaped from the county jail during the murder of the sheriff at Lima, is described as follows: Alias John Donovon Hall; age 30; height 5' 72"; grey eyes; hair light chestnut; medium complexion; Indiana State Prison #13225. It is respectfully requested that wanted notices be posted with the Identification Unit of the Division against the fingerprints of all of the convicts listed herein.

The bullets found in the sheriff's office, referred to in this communication, are being forwarded to the Division with the request that an examination be made to determine the caliber and type of gun from which they were fired, which information will be furnished the prosecuting attorney. These bullets which are wrapped separately in small boxes and forwarded with this communication are described as follows:

#1 - is the bullet which hit the sheriff and was found by Sergeant Harry Grant and Patrolman Carl Bowers of the Lima Police Department.

#2 - bullet which hit the deak and was found by Sergeent Grant and Patrolman Bowers,

#3 - bullet found by Sergeant Swaney of the Lima Police Department.

#4 - is a shell extracted from an automatic pistol. It appears that this shell was attached to the bullet which struck the sheriff.

In view of the possibility of the gang's returning to Chicago, it is requested that the Chicago office advise the Police Department there to be on the lookout, bearing in mind that they were last seen by Fred Pierpont in possession of an Essex Coach and a Chrysler Sedan.

Very truly yours,

m. Larson,

Special Agent in Charge

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Department of Justice

OHIO, INDIANA POLICE SEARCH THROUGH AREA

Slayers of Sheriff Sarber Believed to Have Returned to Venice Base.

Cincinnati, Oct. 16 (P)—A hundred officers from Ohio and Indiana moved through Big Miami river camps near Venice, 30 miles north of here, in search of John Dillinger, accused bank robber, and three men who released him from jail at Lime, O., last Thursday after killing Sheriff Jess Barber, 30.

The officers said they believed the band that freed Dillinger lay in waiting near Venice before making the Lima raid. Finding in Hamilton, O., of a car believed to have been used in that foray, they said, made it seem likely the band had returned to the rivers side base they had established. Lima officers, led by Chief J. W.

Cook and Detective Chief B. J., Roney, searched the camping area throughout Sunday night. Monday reinforcements came from the Indiana state police, Cincinnati pofice and Hamilton and Butlercounty officers.

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Ilma, Oct. 18 — Two federal
agents assigned to the search for
the slayers of Sheriff Jess L. Sarber by J. Edgar Hoover, director
of the division of investigation for
the United States department of
justice, were in Lima Monday ta
assist police and county authorities.
J. A. Genau and William Larson,
the agents assigned, questioned
Frederick Plerpont, route 3, Lelpi
sic, brother of Harry Pierpont, fugitvie from the Indiana prison at
Michigan City, and identified as
the triggerman in the shooting of
Sheriff Sarber last Thursday night

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION

OLINA, CHIO, OCTOBER 12, 1933

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The Division's file in this case indicates that on Delober Li, 1933, Mr. Brabner Smith of Mr. Keepen's office called Mr. Mughes by telephone D and stated that he was in receipt of a telegram from a Sheriff in Ohio asking the assistance of this Division is the investigation of the shooting of the Sheriff at Liva. Mr. Suith stated that he bed talked with Mr. Parrish she felt that it would be a good idea to have an Agent contact the Chie people and make an offer of cooperation, and perhaps accomplish screething in the way of fingerprint identification. Hr. Hughes advised Hr. Smith that inessuch as the case was entirely without the jurisdiction of the Division it should be submitted by him to the Director in writing. Accordingly, on October lith Mr. Smith directed a memorandum to this Division advising that he had just received s telegram from Congressman Frank L. Klosb of Chio, requesting that the Pederal Government lend every available resource to aid in the search for the killers. Upon receipt of this memorandum Mr. Hughes conferred with Mr. Farrish, who suggested that an Agent of this Plvision contact Congressmen Kloeb and volunteer to cooperate to a limited extent with the authorities of Allen County, Ohio, in their afforts to identify and apprehend the killers of Jesse Sarber. Mr. Rughes then called the Detroit Office and advised Ar. Larson of the telegran received from Congressman Lloeb, and requested that he communicate with the Allen County authorities and offer such cooperation as might be practicable. in the way of identifying latent fingerprints or forwarding the fingerprints of any convicts who were suspected of this crime. The state of the s

The Division is now in receipt of a letter from the Detroit Office, dated October 20, 1933, in which Mr. Lerson states that he and Special Agent (A) Genau, in compliance with the telephonic request of Mr. Hughes, proceeded to Lima, Onio on the afternoon of October 14th and went into conference with Prosecuting Attorney Ernest M. Botkins, Chief of Police J. M. Gook, Inspector Police B. J. Booney and two detectives who were engaged in the investigation, and also interviewed Mrs. Serber, the Sheriff's wife; that they determined that an about 6 P.M. on October 12, 1933 three men entered the Sheriff's Office stating that they were from the Indiana State Prison and came to get John Dillinger, who was a perole from that institution, Dillinger being at that time incarcerated in the prison. The Sheriff saked the man who was doing the talking for his credentials and simultaneously this individual pulled a gun and advised the Sheriff that that was his authority. It appears that the

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Fred Pierpont had repeatedly denied to local authorities that h knew anything about the whereabouts or activities of his brother Harry Special Agent in Charge Larson and Special Agent (A) Genav, after interrogating Fred Pierpont for a considerable length of time, succeeded in obtaining information from him to the effect that shortly after the escape of the ten convicts from the Indiana State Prison on September 26, 1933 his brother. one of the convicts, and four other man, three of whom were also because, and Harry Copeland, a parole from the Indiana State Prison, appeared at his home late one night, visited the family for a short time and departed; that Harry Pierpont at the time of this visit told him that he had am Oldsmobile automobile and that he would give it to Fred if he would call for it at Hamilton; Ohio at 1052 South Second Avenue. Within the course of the next two or three days Fred stated that he, his mother, father and grandmother, drove to Hamilton in the family automobile, and that after separating from the other members of the family he proceeded to the above address for the purpose of obtaining the Oldsmobile; that upon his arrival at Hamilton his brother informed him that the bill of sale on the car had not arrived from Chicago, where the car was purchased, but that if he, Fred, would remain there until the next day he could obtain same; that he stayed there that night with his brother, Harry Pierpont, Indiana State Prison #11014, Bussell Clark, Indiana State Prison #11261, Charles Makley, Indiana State Prison #12636, Edward Shouse, Indiana State Prison #13915, and Harry Copeland, Indiana State Prison #12231; that on the morning of October 3rd his brother Harry told him that the gang was going away for the day and that they would back in the evening with the Oldsmobile car; that the above mentioned individuals did return that evening, at which time he obtained the car. On October 3, 1933 a bank robbery took place at St. Marys, Ohio, at which time en Oldemobile automobile was seen.

Fred Stated further that on Wednesday evening, October 11, 1933, the above named five individuals again came to his home at Leipsic late at might and stated that they desired to remain there overnight; that they were driving two automobiles, an Essex coach and a Chrysler sedan; that on the following day, October 12, 1933, which was the day the Sheriff was murdered, they all departed in the two cars. It takes about one hour to drive from Leipsic to Lima and the murder took place at 6 P.M. This evidence, together with the identification made by Mrs. Earber, the Sheriff's wife, and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Sharp, indicates rather definitely that the five above named man committed the crime and effected the esdape of John Dillinger.

Fred Pierpont, during the interview with these igents, identified the photographs of the above mentioned individuals as being the parties who stayed at the home of his parents on the night of October 11, 1933. Fred Pierpont is at the present time being hald by authorities, pending further investigation.

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Pollowing a statement made by Fred, his mother, who had previously denied any knowledge of ever having seen her son since his escape, corroborated her son's statement about the convicts being at her home. Investigation by local emthorities at Hamilton, Ohio indicates that the mob left there say October 13th.

The bullets found in the Sheriff's Office have been received by the Division and have been sent to Mr. Appel for the purpose of an exemination.

Respectfully,

S. P. Cowley.

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MEMORANDUM

Mr. Walker Stone telephoned to inquire if I could advise him as to further developments in connection the escaped convicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary. I told him I had received no further information.

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Laboratory Report

Case: UNINOTH SUBJECTS, Sheriff Jesse Sarber, Limo, Ohio Number:

Specimen: Victim.

#1, bullet which hit sheriff; #2, bullet which hit desk; #3, bullet found by Sergeant Swaney; #4, shell extracted from automatic pistol.

Examination requested by: Detroit Office.

Date received: October 24, 1933.

Examination desired: Determine caliber and kind of gun used.

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Date of Report: October 28, 1933.

Result of examination:

Examination by: C. A. Appel.

Specimen #1 - This bullet is in good condition, has six grooves with a twist to the left and I cannelure, is metal coated, the length is .586 plus inches and the diameter .358 inches. The weight is 129.2 plus grains. From this it is concluded that the gun used was a 38 Colt automatic which is 52 inches long.

Specimen #2 - This is a metal coated bullet which has six grooves with a twist to the left, the conselure is not visible. The diameter measures .354 to .404 inches, averaging .377, and the weight is 130 plus grains. From this it is concluded that this is the same kind of a bullet as specimen #1 and it was fired from the same kind of gun, that is, a 38 caliber Colt automatic. There are some small partions of the grooves left, but it is doubtful whether they could be used to identify the weapon as could those on specimen #1.

Specimen $\pi 3$ - This is a lead bullet which has been deformed. It has plaster adhering to it. There are 2 cannelures. The diameter is .312 to .377 inches. There are 4 visible grooves and it is concluded that there are 6 in all. It is difficult to discrete the twist of the grooves which, however, at the base where they are least distorted, appear for the short distance which is visible to slant to the left. This bullet

weighs 149 plus grains and it is concluded that the weapon was a 38 caliber Colt long revolver. There is a possibility that it is a 38 caliber Coltaged view of the fact that the weight may have been changed because of the condition of the bullet. The conclusion is based on the fact that the weight nearest to that of the bullets used in a 38 caliber Colt long revolver. It might be possible to make an identification from marks on this bullet.

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The cartridge, specimen #4, bears the mark 38 ACP, Remumo on the base. There are marks on this cartridge similar to those made by a Colt automatic and it is an automatic type cartridge as shown by the shape of the base. This is probably one of the cases from which specimens 1 and 2 were fired. An attempt should be made to find the other ejected cartridge case as it will help in any identification which may be attempted.

The specimens will be retained in the laboratory, in order that quick comparisons may be made, until their return is requested.

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525 Lafayette 214g., Detroit, Michigas. October 20, 1926

Director, Division of Investigation B. S. Dept. of Justice, Weahington, D. G.

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Perference is made to telephonic communication received from Mr. Vincent Hughes on 10/14/83, requesting that efficials at lime, this be contacted for the purpose of this Division's rendering aid with regard to the murder of Sheriff Jesse Serber et Lime, this on 10/12/88 during a jail delivery at which time a prisoner, John Dillinger, escaped from the county jail.

Dilinger, a former convict of the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, was incorporated in the county jell of lime, Chie on a charge of bank robbery which occurred at Bluffton, Chie. He was arrested by the Dayton, Chie Police and subsequently removed to Lime on 9/28/83.

Assumpanied by Special Agent (A) Gener, I proceeded to Line on Saturday afternoon, following the call received from Mr. Bughes, and immediately went into conference with the Procecuting Attorney, Er. Ernest M. Botkine: Chief of Police J. W. Cooke; Inspector of Police B. J. Rooney and Detectives Clyde Dickson and James Goodwin who ware engaged in this investigation. Also, an interview was had with Mrs. Jense Serber. wife of the alain shoriff, and Deputy Shoriff W. L. Sharp. It was determined through the above mentioned interview that at about \$:00 7.16 on the night of 10/12/33, three non entered the sheriff's office, stating that they were from the Indiana State Prison and come to get John Dillinger who was a perole from that institution. The shariff, who was sented at ... his dock, eaked the men who was doing the talking, for his predentials and simultaneously the individual pulled a gra and advised the shoriff that that was his authority. It appears that the sheriff evidently made a move to reach his own gun which was on the deel and as he did so the slayer fired a bullet through the shoriff's abdomen. He then quickly jusped to the shoriff and began beating him on the head with the butt of a pistol. The aberiff fell belpless to the floor.

The second can then asked Deputy Sheriff Sharp for the keys and him. Sarber, who was also seated in the room during the time of the shooting, rushed to the spot where the keys were kept and handed them to the criminals to svoid any further killing. The door of the jail was then opened and the three men commanded Deputy Sheriff Sharp and him.

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Server to enter the jail, leaving the shoriff dying on the floor. They then called for Billinger who heatily propered himself to leave and after firing emother shot into the jail proper, evidently to prevent any of the other innates from following them, the criminals locked the jail doors and flod. Deputy Sheriff Sharp stated that he could see one new standing outside of the door leading to the sheriff's office, apparently on guard.

from all indications there were five shots fired - ensithed hit the sheriff, two others which were evidently fired at the sheriff but missed - one striking the deak and risocheting to the other and of the room - the third striking the wall; the fourth was fired inside the juil and there is a bullet hole in one of the doors leading from the sheriff's office, indicating that one shot had gone in that direction. However, only four bullets were found.

pollowing the escape it was learned that two pistals had been stolen from the sheriff's dock by the killers, vis. A - 38 Police Special mickel plated Colt #557614-W. On the side of the handle of this gum was stamped "Property Allen County Sheriff"; A2 - 38 Colt, Detective Special Blued Steel, 2" barrel, #410172-A-1. This gum belonged to the sheriff. The other was the property of Deputy Sheriff Sharp. The kuye which were furnished by Mrs. Sarber were also taken by the bandits.

was given medical aid and he died in the hospital two hours later. The authorities at Lima advised that evidently the blows on the head caused his death as the bullet into the abdomen did not hit any vital spots. Mrs. Surber and Deputy Sheriff Sharp remained locked in the jail for 80 or 25 minutes until the locks could be knocked off to effect their release.

It appears that while Pillinger was incarcerated in the jail he had dropped statements to other prisoners, sentioning the name of Harry Pierpont, indicating that Pierpont was an escape from the Indiana State Prison and that his home was near Lime. A search of records was immediately made and it was found that Harry Pierpont was one of the convicts who escaped from the Indiana State Prison at Michigan City, Indiana on 9/28/38, during the wholesale escape there. A photograph of Pierpont was secured and when shown to itre. Sarber she partially identified it we the man who shot the sheriff.

A posse was immediately formed which was led by Chief of.
Police J. W. Cooks of Lima, Chio, and a search was made of the premises occupied by Harry Pierpont's parents and brother, about four miles from Loipeic and about 55 miles from Lima. This search took place about 10:00 P.M. on the night of the slaying, 10/18/35. He trace of the bandits

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possession of valuable information, he stated that he desired to consult his attorney and his father and nother before making any statement. We issuitably that this matter up with the Prosecuting Attorney, Ernest M. Betkins, and the interested police officials, pointing out that it would be well to assertain the attitude of his attorney, Mr. Varron of Isipale, and attempt to have him request his glient to give the assertain and request his glient to give the assertain and the fice. It was assertained that Fred Pierpant's nother had taken an antagonistic attitude toward the police and not much so-operation sould be expected from her. However, it was felt that with the assistance of the attorney she could be persuaded to render assistance.

Upon interviewing Mr. Marron, the attorney, and following a longthy talk with him, it was determined that he would assist the authorities in every way possible, and following a general consultation between Fred Pierpost, his attorney and his parents, he talked freely and made a very complete statement. This statement has not as yet been prepared by the stemographer at line, but a copy will be forwarded to this office at the carliest possible date.

Pred Pierpont related in substance that shortly after the escape of the ten sonvicts from the Indiana State Prison on 9/28/38, his brother, one of the convicts, and four other men, three of whom were also escapes, and the fifth, Harry Copeland, a parole from this institution and now wanted for bank robbery, appeared at his home late one night. Be stated that their appearance was a complete surprise to him as his brother had not notified his family that he was intending to come to Leipeis. He stated that these five men stayed at the house for a short while and visited the entire family and them departed. His brother, Harry, at that time told him, Fred, that he had an Oldsnobile automobile which was not stolen but which one of the men who is now known to him as Copeland, alias Cherrington, had purchased, and that he would give Fred this automobile if he would call for it at Remilton, Ohio where the gang indicated they were staying. Harry Pierpont furnished his brother with the address "1052 South had Ave., Hamilton, Ohio".

Within the course of the next two or three days Fred, with his mother, father and grandmother, drove to Remilton in the family automobile and upon arriving at Hemilton Fred separated from the other ambers of the family and proceeded to the above eddress. He stated that he had no intention of remaining there but planned to secure the Oldsmobile and immediately drive back to Leipsie. Fred stated, however, that upon his arrival at Hemilton his brother informed him that the bill of sale on the ear had not arrived from Chicago where the car was purchased, and that he, Fred, would have to remain there until the next day for the purpose of securing the bill of sale. Fred stated that he went back to the apot

where his family were waiting and informed them to drive back to leipside and that he would remain in Remilton ever-night. Fred Stated that the five men listed below, four of whom excaped from the Indiana State Prison on 9/26/35, and the fifth, Enrry Copeland, alias Cherrington, were in the house at 1052 South and Are, and remained there with him during the night of 10/2/35:

Berry Pierpont, Indiana State Prison fillida,
sentenced 8/6/25 for bank robbery to 10 to 21 years; description - age 31;
beight 6' 1"; weight 162/; medium build; eyes grey; hair chestnut; complexion
light; sear 1" in back of book.

- Resell Clark, Indiana State Prison filed, sentenced

12/12/27 for bank robbery to 20 years; description - age 35; height 6' 1";

veight 167/; eyes grey; hair dark chestnut; midium build; sear middle of bank;

body covered with small moles,

entenced 6/25/25 for bank robbery to 10 to 20 years; description - age 66; height 5' 7%; weight 180/; build medium heavy; eyes grey; hair dark chestaut; complexion medium dark; tip of left index finger emputated; right leg short - 11mps slightly.

#4 - Edward Shouse, Indiana State Frisca #13915, sentenced 6/4/30 for auto theft to 25 years; description - age 27; height 5' 7%; weight 150#; eyes medium blue; hair medium chestmat; complexion medium dark; build medium; sear depressed middle forehead; brown mole on right cheek,

65 - Harry Copeland, alies Arthur S. Cherrington, Indiana State Prison [12251; description - age 58; height 5' 11"; weight 160f; brown eyes; hair dark brown; complexion fair; usually wears heavy mustache.

Fred went on to state that on the morning of 10/5/55 his brother, Harry, informed him that the gang was going away for the day end for him to make himself at home, and that they would be back in the evening with the Oldsmobile ear. Fred stated that on the afternoom of 10/5/55 he went with a momen who was in the house, known to him as "Hone", to a small cottage along the banks of a river, about 12 or 14 miles from Hamilton, are they took a great quantity of groceries. He stated that it appeared to him as though someons was just going to move in; that with this women he returned to 1058 South 2nd Avenue and shortly after their return the gang appeared and he was then given the Oldsmobile ear which he drove back to Leipsio, his home. Fred stated that he believes there were Illinois license plates on the automobile before it was turned ever to him. (Here

it is interesting to note that on 10/8/88 the bank rebbary took place at St. Narys, Ohio, at which time on Oldsmobile entemobile was foun. It therefore appears that the gong went out on this bank job while Fred Pierpont reseined in Bemilton.)

Frod further west on to state that on Technolog evening. 10/11/85, the five above named individuals again came to his home at Leipule late at night and stated that they desired to reach there everaight; that they were driving two entombiles - on Energ Oceah and a Chrysler Seden. He was wable to give a description of the license plates but believes that one of the care bore Illinois plates; that they remained at the house over-night and on the following day, 10/12/83, which was the day the shoriff was murdered, they all departed in the two ours - his #39 brother and another convict in the Resex and three in the Chrysler. This departure took place about 4:00 P.M. He stated that one car headed toward Lime and the other in the opposite direction. (Here it is interesting to note that it takes approximately one hour to drive to Lina and the nurser took place at 6:00 P.M., which definitely places the five above moved non in that vicinity at that time.) This evidence, together with the identifieation made by Mrs. Sarber, the sheriff's wife, and Deputy Sheriff W. L. Sharp, indicates very definitely that the five above pened men epemitted the orine and effected the escape of John Dillinger.

During the interrogation Fred picked out the photographs of those five men and identified them as the persons who stayed at the 🍕 home of his parents on the night of 10/11/35. (It may here be stated that noither Mrs. Serber nor Deputy Sheriff Sharp have been able to identity the third men who was in the sheriff's office.) It appears that he stayed in the background. It was also known that the fourth men was at the side door and it is believed that the fifth was either at the front door of the sheriff's residence or in the extempbile. Fred denied being implicated in the St. Marys bank robbery and effered proof as to places he visited in Hemilton while there on 10/3/33. It was ascertained that the enthorities at 3t, Marys have secured the menes of witnesses there who claim that they will partially identify Fred as being the driver of the Oldsmobile ear. which is alleged to have been used in the robbery. In view of the above Fred is at the present time being held by authorities pending further 🖰 investigation, and to avoid any further possible jail delivery, he has been removed to the county jell at Expalmenta, this without the knowledge of the public.

following the statement made by Fred his mother, who denied any knowledge of ever having seen her son since his escape, proborated her son's statement about the convicts coming to her home.

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The interrogation of these people lasted until approximately 7:00 e-clock Sunday evening and with all of the infernation furnished, together with the eddress at Hamilton, Ohio and that of the cottage along the river banks, a posse was immediately formed and the authorities made a speedy trip to this point where they were not by several other officers from Indiana and points in Chio. Fred warned the authorities to use extress presention, stating that he was well aware of the fact that the convicts would not be taken alive and that they had a great amount of examition and game.

Special Agent Dense and ayoulf remained at Line and purked out various engles of the crime with the prosecuting attorney. Upon the return of the authorities we were advised that a very extensive search was made at Hamilton and it was found that the five convicts had evidently left the above address on the night provious. In searching the house they found several pieces of elething and indications therein reflected that the convicts had evidently left hurriedly. Also, a second practically new Ford Y-8 automobile was found in the back yard. car was described as 1935 model, speedometer reeding 4582 miles, bearing Illinois license plates (1864040, inter (1839462. It is believed that perhaps the above described license plates were the ones issued for the Oldenobile car in Chicago. The authorities found no one at the cottage on the river banks nor at the house at 1052 South And Ave., and further investigation along these lines is now being made. The authorities stated that in regard to the house on the river benks near Hamilton, it was determined through the owner that five men who enswered the descriptions of the above maned individuals, had rented the house for a period of one week, but he was unable to furnish any further information regarding thom. The Aldemobile car above referred to is at the present time in a garage in Leipeic, Chio, being held by the enthorities.

Chicago office with the suggestion that the names of the convicts mentioned herein be furnished to the Police Department at that city, together with the information concerning the purchase of the Oldsmobile car, evidently by Dopeland using the alias of Cherrington and giving the address of \$218 Junnyside Avenue, Chicago. It is believed that perhaps all of these men were together in Chicago and perhaps all stayed at the above address there, and possibly were involved in several crimes during their stay in that city. Along this line the Federal Reserve messenger huldup is suggested in which a patrolmen was killed.

Capt. Matt Leach of the Indiana State Police, who is

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Derrying on an extensive search for the souviets the escaped from the Indiana State Prison, informed as at Lius that he would forward photographs of the new with complete descriptions and other securitial information to this effice. We have an head only the photographs of Copelant, alias Cherrington; Hekley; Marry Pierpont and John Dillingsy, Two of each of these are being forwarded to the Chicago office for identification purposes. It should, of course, be repembered that Dillinger was incarcerated during the time that the men are alleged to have been in Chicago. It is presumed that the photographs of Shouse and Clark, the are also escaped prisoners from the Indiana State Pyleon, are in possession of the Chicago Police.

If much action is deemed advisable by the Police, it is suggested that the photographs to exhibited to the person from whom the spartment was rented on Summyside Venue, and to the salesman of the Sheair Motor Sales Company, Chicago, who sold the Oldsmobile car to Cherrington.

It has been accortained that these five individuals are extremely "hard-boiled" and the robbing of beaks appears to be marely a pastime.

Mr. Irmest M. Bothine, Prospecting Attorney at Line, informed the writer that authorities from the thie State Identification bureau at London, Ohio, are conferring with him regarding the issuance of Identification orders. In view thereof it does not appear necessary for the Bureau to render any assistance along this line,

John Dillinger who escaped from the county jail during be murder of the sheriff at Line, is described as follows: Alice John shown Hall; ago 30; height 5' 70"; grey eyes; hair light chestaut; medium emplexion; Indiana State Prison #13225. It is respectfully requested that mated notices be posted with the Identification Unit of the Division winst the fingerprints of all of the convicts listed bereis.

The bullets found in the sheriff's office, referred to the communication, are being forwarded to the Division with the request examination be made to determine the caliber and type of gun from which ey were fired, which information will be furnished the proceduting attorney. These bullets which are wrapped separately in small boxes and forwarded with this communication are described as follows:

Sergeant Harry Grant and Patrolman Carl Bowers of the Line Police Department.

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I wish to acknowledge receipt of the letter eddressed to you by Karden Kobert H. Rudspeth, of the United States Penitentiary innex at Fort Lesvenworth, Kansas, under date of October 27, with its original enclosure of a letter addressed to the Warden, unsigned, but having been written by

In accordance with telephonic conversation with Mr. Hughes, the Kansas City office of the Division was promptly advised of this letter by telephone on October 30 and instructed to have an Agent promptly interview prisoner. The Division is not in receipt of a report covering the interview to date.

The original correspondence in this case is returned herewith for your files.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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62-27777-/ Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, W. B. Department of Justice, RECORDED Suite L, Federal Building, Kansas City, Alessanti-

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Door Mire

Confirming telephonic conversation of October 30. advising of the receipt of a let<u>ter by the Warden of the</u> Leavenworth Penitentiary Annex from prisoner requesting that an igent of the Division call upon his as he has some information to impart concerning the essapes from the penitentiary at Hichigan City, Indiana, and other matters, there does enclosed herewith, for your information, a sopy of a letter addressed to the Director of the Sureau of Prisons by Earden Robert H. Budspeth, dated October 27. and a copy of the letter addressed to the Warden by prisoner but which does not bear his signature.

(2000年) Pacific A copy of this letter is also being forwarded to the Cincinnati office in order that it may be fully informed of the background upon receipt of a report from your office covering the intervies with prisoner

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Mr. Gates telephoned this morning with reference to the escaped convicts in Indiana. He stated that he had discussed the matter with the Attorney General, who told him that he had turned the matter over to me, and said that he would like to extend aid if we could; that the Attorney General is personally interested in the situation there. I told Mr. Gates that we had offered assistance with reference to fingerprint matters, but in so far as helping to catch them is concerned, we were not. I said that we would do anything that we could consistently in the matter, but that I had received no word from the Attorney General.

Mr. Valker Stone called to state that Mr. Glendon had informed him that a communication addressed to the Attorney General by Mr. Stone concerning the escaped convicts in Indiana, had been referred to me. Mr. Stone advised me that he received a wire last night from his editor, telling him of the situation, and requesting that Mr. Cummings be contacted to ascertain if Federal aid would be offered. Mr. Stone agreed to send me a copy of the wire.

Mr. Glendon called to advise me that he had referred Mr. Stone's letter to me.

After receiving these communications I telephoned Mr. Stone to advise him that I was contacting the Cincinnati, Chicago and Detroit offices of the Division, instructing them to render such assistance as we can.

I telephoned Mr. Larson at Detroit. Mr. Larson informed me that he contacted the prosecuting attorney yesterday, and he was going to send him a copy of the statement taken; that he had gotten in touch with the Identification Bureau in London, Ohio, and informed them that we would distribute identificstion orders, but could not issue them. I instructed Mr. Larson to again get in touch tith these people and indicate that we are entirely willing to cooperate to the fullest extent. Mr. Larson also stated that he had talked to Captain-Leach (?) of the Indiana State Police, located at Indianapolis, who agreed to give him complete particulars as to all the men who escaped, but that it had not been received as yet. I instructed him to again contact the Captain and that a duplicate copy be sent to this office. Mr. Larson had also made arrangements to see a Lieutenant of the Michigan State Police who had information, and had requested the prosecuting attorney and the officials at Lims to contact him immediately when information was received of value. I told Mr. Larson to keep in touch with the Cincinnati and Chicago offices by telephone and to keep the Division informed. RECORDED

I talked to Mr. Klein at Cincinnati relative to this matter. I instructed him to obtain information as to the number of convicts who escaped and an indication of those who had been captured or killed. I told him to odvit the local authorities of our willingness to cooperate.

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I telephoned Mr. D. O. Smith at Chicago and instructed him also to contact the local authorities in his district and render every assistance possible in the search for the escaped convicts.

I called Mr. Gates to advise him of the instructions issued to the Chicago, Cincinnati, and Detroit offices.



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Mr. Quinn
Mr. Lester
Mr. Locke

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR.

Agent in Charge Larson at Detroit called on the telephone and stated that he received a telephone call from Captain Leech, of the Indiana State Police, requesting that he, Larson, meet Leech at Indianapolis tomorrow morning as Captain Leech has some important information which he would like to submit to Larson in connection with the escape of the ten convicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary. It appears that Larson met Leech at Lima, Ohio, when he went down there several days ago to seek information concerning the murder of the Sheriff there by these fugitives. Larson stated he looked upon Leech as a very substantial officer and in fact had asked him if he felt that the information he had would warrant his travel to Indianapolis and Captain Leech replied that he was quite sure that it did. I authorized Larson to proceed to Indianapolis. You were out at the time.

Respectfully,

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V. W. Hughes.

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Air Mail

October 30, 1935

Director, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

of Mr. V. W. Hughes to Special Agent in Charge Conroy on October 30, advising that the Division was in receipt of a letter from Mr. Bates, the Director of Prisons, which had been forwarded by Warden Hudspeth of the Leavenworth Annex Penitentiary, written by relative to information in the recent prison break at Michigan City, Indiana, Special Agents B. R. Allen and G. F. Hurley interviewed W. Who stated that he was sentenced to the penitentiary from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1928, and that he was paroled and violated his parole by robbing the post office at Auburn, Indiana, after which he was returned to the Leavenworth Annex Penitentiary for violation of said parole. Water which he was restates that he has cooperated at various times with Post Office Inspector W. B. Piatt at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, in solving post office robberies.

In accordance with the telephonic communication

further stated that one Charlie Zimmerman, a former Sheriff at Angola, Indiana, is a ring-leader and directs operations of a gang of criminals operating in and around Portland, Indiana, Geneva, Indiana, and Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

Advised that Zimmerman was tried for murder at Angola in May, 1928, but was acquitted.

Further advised that one Red Mersky, one whitey Bechtel and one Paul Burgett are three desperate bankrobbers who work under the direction of Zimmerman.

Burgett was a former Deputy Sheriff at Angola under Zimmerman, and that Burgett was arrested with Mersky and Bechtel for possession of T.N.T. and guns.

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and Eb Landis as members of the Zimmerman gang. He likewise mentioned the name of Willard Comer, who is now serving a sentence at

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Michigan City, stating that Comer is connected with the Zimmerman gang.

stated that he knew eight months ago the Zimmerman crowd had planned to rob several police stations, in order to obtain possession of machine-guns, and that it is possible that Red Mersky smuggled guns into the Michigan City prison a short time prior to the break. States that he bases this belief on the fact that Mersky was sentenced to Michigan City, but remained there only one week, having been released on an appeal bond.

stated that Zimmerman has a farm near Ft. Recovery, Ohio, and also runs a restaurant and speakeasy at Ft. Recovery, and, due to the proximity of Ft. Recovery to Portland, Indiana, and Geneva, Indiana, and due to the fact that Eb Landis has a farm near Portland Indiana, he, is positive that Pierpont and other prisoners who escaped during the Michigan City prison break will be found in the vicinity of Portland or Geneva, Indiana, or Ft. Recovery, Ohio.

further stated that a postal inspector, whose name he does not recall, located at Ft. Recovery, Ohio, and who, he believes, works from the office of the Chief Post Office Inspector at Cincinnati, Ohio, (whose name it has been learned is possibly "Pate") has valuable information in connection with the above mentioned individuals.

names of the persons who actually took the guns and ammunition into the Michigan City prison, and, if he can obtain same, he will turn the information over to Warden Hudspeth. Warden Hudspeth was advised of this fact, and stated that should he receive this information, he will communicate with the Kansas City office immediately.

Carbon copy of this letter is being furnished to the Cincinnati office for their information.

Very truly yours

E. E. CONROY

SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

BRA-c cc-Cincinnati REN: CAJ 62-29777

November 4, 1933.

memorandom for the director

On October 25, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Large telephoned Mr. Hughes of the Division requesting authority to proceed to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purpose of conferring with Ceptain Leach of the Indiana State Police concerning the escape of the 10 scavicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary. The files do not contain a report covering the activities of Agent in Charge Lerson at this point.

The Division is in receipt of a letter dated October 28, 1933, from the Cincinnati office, copies of which were furmished the Detroit and Chicago offices. Br. Conneller in this letter reports that he has been in conference with Walter Mentser of the Indiana State Police and has offered every assistants that can possibly be rendered by this Division under the circumstances. Mr. Conneller has furnished the Detroit and Chicago offices with information obtained from the Indiana State Police concurning the various subjects, setting out their correspondence, visitors, etceters, while they were incarcerated in the Michigan City Peni-It does not appear, however, that photographs were tentiary. furnished with Mr. Connelley's letter and I am arranging to have photographs furnished to all of the interested offices. Mr. Conneller in his letter makes reference to a possible violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Stenler Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Lercy Mooten, who are known to have assisted in harboring the fugitives in this casa,

Er. Connelley reports that Special Agent Bliss Norton at Indianapolis, Indiana, has been instructed to keep in close? contact with Captain Matt Leach of the Indiana State Police in order that he may be kept advised of the progress being made in this investigation.

Respectfully.

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#4 - is a shell extracted from an automatic pistol. It appears that this shell was attached to the bullet which struck the sheriff.

In view of the possibility of the gang's returning to Chicago, it is requested that the Chicago office advise the Police Department there to be on the lookest, bearing in mind that they were last seen by Fred Fierpont in possession of an Essex Coach and a Chrysler Jedan.

Very truly yours,

WL:DLP

Was. Larson, Special Agent in Charge

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October 30, 1933.

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Director
Division of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your telephone call of the 24th instant regarding the Indiana State Prison break at Michigan City, Indiana.

Please be advised that immediately upon receipt of information from you, the writer conversed with Mr. L. E. Kunkel, Warden of the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Indiana, who advised that the prison break occurred there on the afternoon of September 26, 1933, at which time the following immates escaped:

Joseph R. Burns:

Height - - - 5'10-1/8"

Weight - - - 195 lb.

Build - - - - Medium heavy

Ryes - - - Blue

Hair - - - - Medium chestnut

Complexion - Ruddy

Occupation - Taxi driver

Marks and Scars - Scar of 1" base right hand; Scar of 2" left upper lip

Indiana State Prison No. 8703

Fingerprint classification - (5) 0 5 R III 12

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Criminal record - Sentenced 5/27/21 to life term

for murder 1st. deg. - Kosciusco County

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RUSSELL CLARK:

Height - - - - 6'11's

Weight - - - - 167 lb.

Build - - - - - Medium

Ryes - - - - Grey slate

Hair - - - - Dark chestnut

Complexion - - Dark

Occupation - - Tailor

Marks and scars - Brown scar middle back;

body covered with small moles

Indiana State Prison No. 12261

Fingerprint classification - (15) 13 U 000

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Criminal record - Sentenced 12/12/27 to 20 years

for bank robbery. - Allen County.

WALTER DETRICK:

Height - - - - - 28

Height - - - - 5'73"

Weight - - - - 151 1b.

Build - - - - Medium

Eyes - - - - Medium brown

Hair - - - - Dark chestnut

Complexion - - Dark

Occupation - - Plumber

Marks and scars -Blue tattoo,

Marks and scars -Blue tattoo, shield, right forearm, anterior. Curved scar outer corner left eye.

Indiana State Prison No. 14351

l Ra 24 Criminal record - Sentenced 1/3/31 to life term for bank robbery - Vermilion County.

Fingerprint classification - (26) 5

JOSEPH FOX:

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Marks and scars - Large irregular scar left wrist posterior. Diagonal scar of 1 in. above left brow.

Indiana State Prison No. 15883
Fingerprint classification - (23) 29 L 100 19
2 R 00I 16
Criminal record - Sentenced 5/23/50 to life term
for bank robbery - Franklin County.

JOHN HAMILTON:

Height - - - 5'84"
Weight - - - 160 lb.
Build - - - - Medium
Eyes - - - - Dark slate
Hair - - - - Light chestnut

Complexion - - Light Occupation - - Carpenter

Marks and scars - Tattoo, heart, letters "JH" left
forearm outer. Right index and
middle fingers amputated. Dim scar
between brows.

Indiana State Prison No. 11965
Fingerprint classification - (12) 29 W (amp) 000 15
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Criminal record - Sentenced 5/16/27 to 25 years for
auto banditry - St. Joseph County.

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CHARLES MAKLEY:

Height - - - 5'72"

Weight - - - 180 lb.

Build - - - - Medium heavy

Ryes - - - - Grey slate

Hair - - - Medium, Dk. Chest.

Complexion - Med., Dk.

Occupation - Salesman

Marks and scars - Tip of left index finger amputated.

Right leg short, limps slightly.

Indiana State Prison No. 12636

Fingerprint classification - (11) 30 W MOO 8

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Criminal record - Sentenced 6/23/28 to 10-20 years

for robbery - Adams County.

O HARRY PIERPONT:

Age -----51

Height ----6'1"

Weight ----162 lb.

Build ---- Medium

Eyes ---- Grey azure

Hair ---- Light chestnut

Complexion -- Light

Occupation -- Engineer

Marks and scars - Scar of 1" back head.

Indiana State Prison No. 11014

Fingerprint classification - (31) 14 R 010 26

52 W 001

Criminal record - Sentenced 5/5/25 to 10-21 years

for robbery - Howard County.

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1ge - - - - - - - - - - - - 27 Height - - - - 5'72" Weight - - - - 150 lb. Build - - - '- - Medium Eyes - - - - Med. Blue Hair - - - - Med. Chestnut Complexion - - Med. Dk. Occupation - - Laborer Marks and scars - Depressed scar middle forehead.

Brown mole right cheek. Indiana State Prison No. 13915 Fingerprint classification - (22)-1 R 10 1 Ur 0I

Criminal record - Sentenced 6/4/30 to 25 years for auto banditry - Vigo County.

The following convicts are known associates of the above

escapes:

Harry Copeland:

Age - - - - - - - - 51 in 1927 Height - - - - 5'10" Weight - - - - 147 1b. Build - - - - - Medium Eyes - - - - Dark brown Hair - - - - Medium chestnut

Complexion - - Dark

Occupation - - Glass worker

Marks and scars - Tattoo, heart back left hand. Tattoos, clasped hands, sailor's head, circus girl, letters "H. E. C. " right forearm.

for Burglary, 2d deg. - Delaware County.

Indiana State Prison No. 12231 Fingerprint classification - (23) Criminal record - Sentenced 11/19/27 to 2-14 years

Hilton O. Crouch:

Age - - - - - - 24 in 1928

Height - - - 5'8-7/8"

Weight - - - 159 lb.

Bulld - - - - Medium

Tyes - - - - Gr. Slate

Hair - - - - Med. Dk. Chest.

Complexion - - Med.

Occupation - - Carpenter

Marks and scars - Scar of gr R shoulder post.

Several brown moles, L shoulder blade.

Indiana State Prison No. 12347

Fingerprint classification - (28) 52 W 101 20

Criminal record - Sentenced 2/2/28 to 5-21 years
for auto banditry - Marion County.

John Dillinger:

Fingerprint classification - (12) 9 R 0
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Criminal record - Sentenced 9/15/24 to 10-21 years
A&B to rob - Morgan County.

Merrit R. Longbrake:

Age - - - - - - 56 in 1951 Height - - - 5'10"

Weight - - - - 149 1b.

Build - - - - - Medium

Eyes - - - - Brown

Hair - - - - Dk. chestnut

Complexion - - Med. Dk.

Occupation - - Farmer

Marks and scars - Irregular scar left wrist posterior.

Dim scar on nose. Scar operation R belly.

Indiana State Prison No. 14601

Fingerprint classification - (14) 17 W 000 14

1 U 000 16

Criminal record - Sentenced 5/4/31 to 1-10 years
' for grand larceny - Kosciusco County.

Homer Van Meter:

Age - - - - - - - 19 in 1926

Height - - - - 5'112"

Weight - - - - 133 1b.

Build - - - - - Slender

Eyes - - - - Blue

Hair - - - - - Dark Chestnut

Complexion - - Dark

Occupation - - Waiter

Marks and scars - Tattoo, anchor - "HOPE" right forearm

Scar of 12" middle forehead edge of hair.

7) Indiana State Prison No. 11561

Fingerprint classification - (22) 17 L IOO 13

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Warden Kunkel was unable to advise if the Division had been notified by telegram or otherwise to place wanted notices for the escapes. He was informed regarding the proper procedure to take in all escape cases where it is known that the fingerprints of the escaped convicts are on file with the Division at Washington. Subsequently, Warden Kunkel furnished this office with a photograph of each of the escapes and their associates. Photostatic copies of the photographs are being attached hereto for your information.

Om October 24, 1933, Special Agent T. E. Billings conferred with William Schoemaker, Chief of Police, Chicago Police Department, who advised that about moon on that day one Edwin J. Leeper, 6044 Stony Island Avenue, Chicago, a former convict of the Indiana State Prison, had appeared at the Detective Bureau and stated that he had observed two men in a Buick Sedan on the streets of Chicago that day, and that he recognized one of them as Joseph R. Burns, Indiana State Prison No. 8703, and he believed the other was Charles Makley, Indiana State Prison No. 12636. Leeper stated that when he observed Burns and Makley, they were engaged in repairing a tire on a car, and while so engaged a Studebaker Sedan with three or four men drove up and after some conversation with Burns and Makley, the men in the Studebaker departed.

Special Agent W. A. Smith ascertained, through Lieutenant John Howe, Chicago Police Department, that he has several men working on the prison break exclusively, and there are several members of the Indiana State Police who are working in Chicago with Lieutenant Howe. The Chicago and Indiana State Police are checking all known hang-outs, telephone numbers and addresses in this vicinity, with a view of ascertaining contacts of the escapes. Lieutenant Howe will provide this office with all available information in instant case and continue cooperating with the Indiana State Police and this Division with a view of apprehending the escapes.

Special Agent W. J. Devereux has been instructed to continue assistance with the State Police at South Bend and Fort Wayne, Indiana, with a view of collecting and submitting additional data which may lead to the location of the escapes.

General information regarding the escape has been broadcast throughout this vicinity and related in press reports.

An agent from this office will obtain all additional data possible at Michigan City, Indiana, and this office will continue to cooperate with the local and State Police, furnishing you the available facts at intervals.

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D. O. SMITH Acting Special Agent in Charge



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On Harch 16, 1934, there were received in the Division of Investigation from the Pheriff at Hasen City, Ious, some latest fingerprints which had been found on the othering-wheel of an entomobile used in a recent beat rebbery at Hasen City, Ious. The Sheriff requested that these latent fingerprints be compared with the fingerprints of John Millinger, whose photograph had been identified as the likewess of an individual who had participated in the rebbery of this beak, and with the fingerprints of Frank Bennie Cerpenter, who was believed to be an associate of Februari Billinger.

The photographs of John Billinger and Frenk Burnis Corpenter, which are attached hereto, disclose a striking rescaling between the two as to facial characteristics, and their physical descriptions appear quite similar. However, the fingerprints of these individuals definitely show that they are not identical. Their descriptions have

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John Billinger is wented by the Shariff's Office, Lake County, Indiena, on a charge of surder, which crime he is alleged to have committed while participating in a bank rebbery. He is also wanted by the Federal Government for violation of the Estional Metar Vehicle Theft Act.

Frank Dennie Carpenter is also maked by the rederal Government for yielstice of the Wallonel Motor Patiels There act, having

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been indicted by the Poteral Grant Sury, at lest ingules, California on March 25, 1932, for the interstate transportation of a states industry Seden, from St. Louis, Discourt, to Louis ingules, California, de or about June 30, 1931. He has also been pecitivaly identified as the bendit who robbed the State Sank of Syron, Minnesota, and March 17, 1933, of \$3,400.

There appear is the fingerprint files of the Division of Investigation the following known erisinal records of John Millinger and Frank Dennis Carpesters

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As John Billinger, \$14395, received State Referentery, Pendleton, Indiena, September 16, 1924; erime, assemble and battery with intent to rob and conspiracy to somethe follows; contactors, 2 to 14 years and 10 to 20 years respectively;

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in William Carpenter, #695, arrested Felice Department, Enterbury, Commenticat, February 16, 1914; charge, there from a poer bery fined \$5 and costs, and 30 days to 2, year probations

le Frank Burke, /365, arrested Pelice Department, Long (1)
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California; disposition not given.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
UNITED STATES PENITENTIARY ANNEX
FORT LEAVENHORTH, KANSAS.

October 27, 1988.

The Director
Bureau of Prisons
Department of Justice
Washington D C

Dear Bir:

I am submitting the enclosed to you in order that you may place it in the proper hands for further investigation if you see fit.

at present confined in this institution. As they are having so much serious trouble in the state of Indiana it is just possible that this man can give some valuable information in connection with matters he mentions in this letter since he has been known to have given valuable information to officials of that state at the time he was held in various jails as a parole violator.

Very truly yours,

(sgd) Rowert H. Hudspeth

Warden

Hote: 10/50/55

Refer immediate to Bureau Investigation.

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Warden R. H. Hudspeth

Dear Sire

I have some information in regards to that prison break at sichigan City, Indiana, Also know who held up those two police stations in Indiana last week and obtained those machine guns and bullet proof vests, etc.

I would appreciate it very much if you would have a Dept of Justice man or a Post Office Inspector call to see me so that I may impart this information to him. He could send it on to Post Office Inspector Pratt at Ft. Wayne, Indiana, who is interested in this information because these same men have committed numerous P.O. robberies in that vicinity.

Respectfully,

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It will be further observed in the letter in the Division from Gincinnati above referred to that the Word Web Bedan bearing Motor No. 18394989, Yllinois License 1933, 1258040; has been to reported atolen on October 5, 1935 from Mr. M. M. Inherwood, 2587 Farm Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. This par it will be soted, see found on October 15 in the rear of 1052 Bouth Second Street, Benilton, Ohio, the house where the Fugitives were residing and from which place they evidently made a hurried departure on October 14.

It will be further observed in my sommunication of Pred Cotober 20, that the above named Subjects appeared at the home of Fred Pierpont, brother of one of the Subjects at Leipvia, This, thirty miles from Lime on the evening of Ostober II, remaining there all night and departing from there on the afternoon of the 18th, syldently going directly to the Sheriff's Office at Lime, for the purpose of delivering John Willinger. Harry Pierpout and Copeland have been identified by Erra, Shrines wife of the slain Shariff and Deputy Sheriff Sharps.

In order to planify this report, there are being ast out the names of the convicts who encaped from the Indiana State. Penifort lary at Michigan City on September 86, 1935, see follows:

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James Joukins was willed on Beptember 30 at Besublascom, indiens while resisting arrest and James Ulark was apprehended in 1 2 . September 26 at Michigan City, Indiana, thus leaving eight of the escaped prisoners still at large. It will be heted that dies of these escaped prisoners namely Hosseil Clark, Edward Shouse, Harry Tierpont, Jount Hamilton and Charles Makley, syllently took part in the marder of the Sheriff at Lima the other three, Burns, For and Deltrick have evidently separated from the above mamed individuals.

John Dillinger, Indiana State Penisentiary Register No. 15225 and Harry Compland, Indiana State Penisentiary Register Mo. 1225 are the other two Bubjects who thek part in the crime at Lima. They are both paroles from the Indiana State Penisentiary and it is believed that

they played an important part in the escape of the ten convicts from the Penitentiary on September 26, 1933. It is also alleged that these two individuals had prior to the escape of the other convicts, committed several bank hold-ups in Indiana and surrounding states.

the above men are set out in the communication to the Division from the Chicago Office dated October 50, hence, it is not deemed necessary to again set out the descriptions in this report.

Prosecuting Attorney and police at Lima, Ohio, that secret indictments have been returned against all the Subjects listed in the title of this report, charging them with the murder of Sheriff Sarbeer

Bince the crime of Lina was committed it is believed; that all of these Subjects have taken part in a series of bank robberies and also two pelice station hold-ups at Peru, and inburs, Indiana.

The first police station hold-up was that at Abburn, which took place about October 14, at which time several guns were stolen

October 21st, the police station was robbed and the following articles

2 Machine Guns

I Tear Gas Gust

5 Rifles

8 Saved off shotgung

1 ,12 gauge repeating shotgus

12 Bullet proof vests

.52 Cal. Automatia

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5 .38 Specials

5 Police Bedges

Agent was advised by Captain Leach of the Indiana State
Police, that Subjects Charles Makley and Harry Copeland were partially
identified in this hold-up.

Since Jenuary 1, 1938 there have been 51 bank robberies in the State of Indiana, with an alleged loss of \$224,000. There have been three bank robberies in Indiana Since the escape of the convicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary and Captain Watt Leach of the Indiana tate Police and al Feeney, Director of Public Safety, believe that these

Individuals perhaps took part in the ropbery of Greeness the Indianal whore they have partially been identified. Their have however been charged to these individuals. He remove informed agant that the information recently published by newspapers to the effect that is covernor had called out the militial is arrangeous but to tops of the situation, arrangements have been made through the Director of the Bafety and the American Legion throughout the State of Indiana form a vigilance organization; that the various posts or the sain roads is indian to legion will pick men who will keep in touch with the Shority Office in the various counties. Many of the main roads is indian to being watched through this arrangement. The majority of he denvices the majority of he denvices the majority of he denvices the majority of he community in the lindiana state for the majority of he community. Indiana or nearby States and there is every indicates because of a recent developments, that they are containing to the lates in the lindians.

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It was learned that Harry Copeland is now evidently in Chicago. However, the authorities are desirons by set taking any specific action regarding the apprehension of Copeland, as it appears that all of the Subjects will evidently congregate so that there is a possibility that they might all we apprehended together.

visitors received by the Subjects who escaped from the Indiana State Fenitentiary, together with the correspondence record and it was determined through Captain Leady that the majority of these angles have been reversed by his organization. It is understood the Lieut. Howe of the Chicago Police Department is working closely with the Indiana State Folipe on this through the tapping of telephones of associates of the Fugitive. It is through this medium that it has been determined that Harry Copelana evidently is at the present time in that city, which information was determined from individuals talking over the telephone from the residence of Mrs. William Donahue 1941 Warres Boulevard, Chicago

Covering those angles which have not received a tention by the indiana State Police.

Police Vassie of Munci, Indiana who stated that Harry Copeland was both

and brought up in that city; that his perduts still reside there? there sopeland was seen in that city a short time ago visiting a releast and indicated that he would return with his gang within the period of a few days. This matter was carefully gone that with captain teach of the Indiana State Bolics and officers are teaping a watch on the place.

Upon carefully soing into this antire hatter site officials of the Indiana State Police, it has been determined that they have the situation well in hand and every important angle is receiving careful attention. Captain Leach informed agent that he and his men will keep in touch with the Division office at Chicago and also walter kenther, who is at the present time concentrating his efforts at Namilton, thio, is keeping in close south with the Cincinnati office.

Prior to igent's departure for indignapolis a conference was had with officials of the Michigan State Police at Lansing Michigan in an effort to determine whether or not there was any possibility of the Fugitives referred to herein, having been in recent bent robberies here. There only appears to be one possibility along this line, which refers to Subject Dillinger.

was found in an abandoned automobile used by the bendits which had carefully been prepared, showing the route to be followed by the roubers after the offense had been committed in order to avoid being apprehended it was learned from the Indiana State Police following the apprehended of Dillinger in Deyton, Ohio some months ago, that he had similar thank in his possession, one in particular which would indicate that he had planned the get-away for the escaped convicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Endiana on September 26. Also, two when the charts which referred evidently to bank robberies edilined the route to be taken, which referred to isolated roads, ato.

In view of the possibility that the Fugitives might cross the Michigan State line during their sacapades, complete information was furnished the Michigan State Police, who will be of a constant look-out. A there are being furnished herewith, complete sets of phetographs, together with Quarriptions, of all of the Subjects Involved in the instant case and of the others who ascaped from the Indiana State Penitentiary, which are in the form of circulars and obtained from the Indiana State Police at Indianapolis.

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THE DETROIT OFFICE AS ENTROIT WICHTERS

BUSSELL CLARE. Mrs. Phil Plerde (Alster) VB56 Comeron Street
Ers. Minnie Clark, (mother) 108 Smith Street
Er. Andy Streehen (sister) VS18 Cakland Avenue

HARRY PIERPONT: Vision T. Tisher, [friend] 76 Sharlotte Street

JOHN HAMILTON: Mr. & Mrs. Hughes (friends) 5016 Forrest Street

CLEVELAND, OHID

JOHN RAMILTON: Orwille Samilton [Son] 287

et TOLEDO

Wrs. Esther Powers (slater) 1006 East Balloft Street

AL BARBERTON, OHIO

Mrs. C. V. Martin, (sister) 113 Toules Court

At ST. MARY'S OHIO

CHARLES MAKEET, Mrs. Edith Makley (wife) 210 S. Maple Street of the Miss Gladys Makley (sisted) R.R. Mo. 3. St. Mary's D. Bre. Edward Makley (mother) R.R. Mo. 3. St. Mary's D.

The CINCINNATI OFFICE At READING, OHIO

DOSEM FOX: Ray Fox (brother) 808 Redding Street Cincinnate Onice is believed 808 Main Street Reading Ohis Mrs. Datherins Fox (mother) 808 Main Street Reading Of Extra Hawley (brother in-law) 808 Main Street Reading Wr. Clear Lutz (nephew) 808 Main Street Reading Of Extra F. Smoker (sister) 808 Main Street Reading Of Extra F. Smoker (sister) 808 Main Street Reading December 1808 Main Street Reading December 1808

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Mrs. Joseph Fer (wife) 8345 Woodbine Avenue

AS LEBANON, KENTUCKY

Frank Whitehouse, former convict, Indiana State
Penitentiary, paroled 5/10/32, Register No. 7378.
He has been closely associated with Dillinger and
shortly before Dillinger was apprehended at Dayton,
Ohio he, Whitehouse, communicated with Dillinger.
It is believed that he might be with the Fugitives
at the present time or be in touch with them.

The MIICADO OFFICE

At SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

HAMILTON:

Mr. W. G. Remilton (brother) 2809 5. Dongles Street.

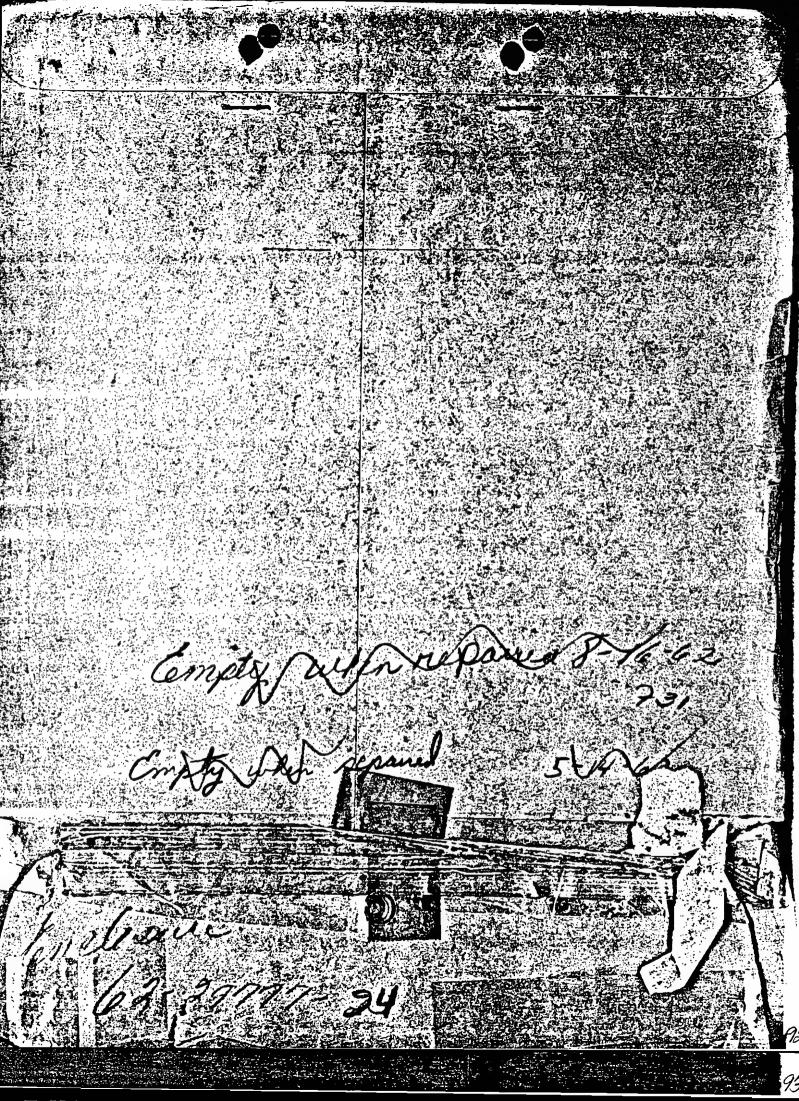
At SAULT STE. KARIE, MICH.

Fay Hamilton (brother) 1705 Chastmit Street Mrs. Isans Steve (sister) 1700 Fourteenth Street Sarah Hamilton (mother) 1700 Fourteenth Street

The Chicago Office is also requested to contact the owner of the stolen Ford referred to in this report for the surpose of determining the directations surrounding the theft of same.

WALTER DISTRICE: The ST. LOUIS OFFICE At ST. LOUIS, MISSOUR

Else Dietrich (sister) 112 North Fourth Street Mrs. R. Dietrich (mother) 2708 inn Avenue Miss Fern Mitchell (former wife) Lincoln Hotel Mr. Durdette McDonald (friend) 2404 South 18th Street









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CHARLES MARLEY, aliases - Mack Gray; A. Owens; Chas. McGray; \$12636, white age 45 yrs., 5'72" tall, 180 lbs., med. drk. chest. hair, gray slate eyes, med. drk. comp.

BCARS & MARKS: Tip of left index finger amputated. Right leg shorter than left, slight limp.

If located, arrest, hold and notify the Indiana State Police, Room \$126, State House, Indianapolis, or the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Ind.

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BANK ROBBERY

JOHN DILLINGER, white, 30 yrs., 170 lbs., 5'7{" tall, light chest. hair, grey eyes, med. comp.

SCARS & MARKS: Cut cic. 5/4" long at base of middle finger.

Any information or if located, netify the Indiana State Police, Room #126, State House, Indianapolis, or the nearest Sheriff or Police Authority.

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HARRY COPELAND, white, 38 yrs., 165 lbs., 5'll tall, brown eyes, drk. brown hair, med. drk. comp.

If located, arrest, hold and notify the Indiana State Police, Room #126, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

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HARRY PIERPONT, slies - Frank Mason, \$11014, white, 81 yrs., 6'1" tall, 162 lbs., gray asure eyes, light chest, hair, light comp.

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JOE R. BURNS. alias - John O. Heaps, #8703, white, 40 yrs., 5'10-1/8" tall, 195 lbs., blue eyes, med. chest hair, ruddy comp.

SCARS & MARKS: Scar of 1" base right hand, scar of 1/2" left upner lip. Any information or if located, notify the Indiana State Police, Room #126, State House, Indianapolis, or the nearest Sheriff or Police Authority.

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infermation or if located, notifination of Indiana State Police, Room #128, State House, Indianapolis, or the nearest Sheriff or Police Authority BARRI COPELATO, white, 38 yrs., 16 lws., 5'll" tall, dark brown hair, brown eyes, med. dark comp. BANK ROBBERY 200 <u>8</u>

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RUSSELL LEE CLARE, alias - R. L. Reed, #12261, white, 55 yrs., 6'14" tall, 167 lbs., gray slate eyes, drk. chest. hair, drk. comp.

8 CARS & MARE: Brown scar middle back Body covered with small moles.

Any information or if located, notify the Indiana State Police, Room #129, State Bouse, Indianapolis, or the neasest Sheriff or Police Authority.

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EDWARD SHOUSE, #13915, white, 27 yrs., 5171* tall, 150 lbs., med. blue eyes, med. chest. hair, med. comp. SCARS & MARKS: Depressed scar middle forehead. Brown mole right cheek. Any information or if located, motify the Indiana State Police, Room #126, State House, Indianapolis, or the nearest Sheriff or Police Authority.

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Any information or if located, notify the Indiana State Police, Room #126. State House, Indianapolis, or the nearest Sheriff or Police Authority.

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WALTER DEITRICH, aliases - Walter Deitz, Walter Reed, William Martin, #14351, white, 28 yrs., 5'72" tall, 181 lbs., med. brn. eyes, drk. chest hair, med. comp.
SCARS & MARKS: Blue tattoo, shield, right forearm anterior. Curved scar outer corner left eye.
If located, arrest, hold and notify the Indians State Police, Room #126, State House, Indianapolis, or the Indiana State Prison, Michigan City, Ind. Ind.

P.P.C. (28) 5 1 R Ra 18 23 JOHN EDGAR HOOVER DIRECTOR

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A. S. Department of Justice

Washington, B. C.

REN:GAJ 62-29777 November 4, 1933.

folson Mr. Edwards .. Mr. Egan 🚉 Mr. Hughes. Mr. Quinn. Mr. Lester Mr. Locke

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

On October 26, 1933, Special Agent in Charge Larson telephoned Mr. Hughes of the Division requesting authority to proceed to Indianapolis, Indiana, for the purpose of conferring with Captain Leach of the Indiana State Police concerning the escape of the 10 convicts from the Indiana State Penitentiary. The files do not contain a report covering the activities of Agent in Charge Larson at this point.

The Division is in receipt of a letter dated October 28, 1933, from the Cincinnati office, copies of which were furnished the Detroit and Chicago offices. Mr. Connelley in this letter reports that he has been in conference with Walter Mentzer of the Indiana State Police and has offered every assistance that can possibly be rendered by this Division under the circumstances. Mr. Connelley has furnished the Detroit and Chicago offices with information obtained from the Indiana State Police concerning the various subjects, setting out their correspondence, visitors, etcetera, while they were incarcerated in the Michigan City Peni-It does not appear, however, that photographs were furnished with Mr. Connelley's letter and I am arranging to have photographs furnished to all of the interested offices. Connelley in his letter makes reference to a possible violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act on the part of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wagner and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hooten, who are known to have assisted in harboring the fugitives in this case.

Mr. Connelley reports that Special Agent Bliss Morton at Indianapolis, Indiana, has been instructed to keep in close contact with Captain Matt Leach of the Indiana State Police in order that he may be kept advised of the progress being made in this investigation.

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Mr. Purvis called on the telephone late bonder sympling and stated he had a request from the Assistant United. States Attorney at Milwanked Flavors in for an ismediate investigation of the theft of 12 guns and much ammention from an armory of the instrican Lagion at Milwankes, the guns and ammunition being Government property, that these guns were allegedly stolen by the farmer attikers and the United States Attorney was of the view that an immediate latestigation should be made, sending several agents to conduct the inquiry. Mr. Purvis stated he proposed to have one agent make an investigation of the theft of the guns only and he proposed to have the guns only the theft of the guns investigating only the theft of the guns. I suggested to him that this would be entirely proper and that he should be vary vereful sat to become embrelled in the farmer strike.

in Purvis stated also that he had word from Special agent Deveredx, from Indiana, that he had an informent who knew the wiereabouts of two of the Michigan Gley! Indiana, escaped and that by using another informent it was thought they might obtain from these escapes the whereabouts of four guiditional ascapes. I suggested to agent in Charge Purvis that if they knew of the whereabouts of two sacapes, agent Deversus Bhould immediately notify the police and accompany them in an affort to make an apprehension.

hr. Parvis also inquired it a abelsion and been sended down in the Factor case and I told him to apparently and not at least I had not neare of it. The stated he had lecated to rector who was still in Chicago it at the stated in the state of the state

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Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

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Reference is made to letter emanating from this office under date of October 30, 1933 concerning interview with United States Penitentiary Annex, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas relative to information in the recent prison breek at Michigan City, Indiana; also to Division letter dated November 2, 1933 concerning this same matter.

There is being enclosed herewith two copies of a letter directed by above named, to Warden Hudspeth of the United States Penitentiary Annex under date of October 31, 1933 concerning this same matter, the original letter having been transmitted to this office by Warden Hudspeth. I am also furnishing two copies of this letter to the Cincinnati office for its information.

Your attention is directed to the latter part of letter b7D wherein he suggests that at the time of his contemplated trip to Indiana, apparently during the month of November, to testify in a perjury case, that he be permitted to work with Agents of this Division, looking toward the apprehension of the escaped convicts from Michigan City, Indiana.

Very truly yours,

KC File #62-790

M. C. SPEAR

M. C. SPEAR ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Detaber 31, 1955. Mr. Robert Mudspeth, Verden, V. B. P. Annez. Dear Bir hen I first wrote you ever a week ago, I had information that day of the whereabouts of two of the men that escaped from the State Prison at Michigan City, Ind. The exact word I had at that time was, that, they were in Indianapolis, Ind. and were going Borth (Portland, Ind.) in the next few days. These two men stopped at the home of an immate of this institution. This immate was formerly sonnected with some of the boys that escaped Hichigan City. I did not give this information to the D. of J. men that interviewed no today because of two reasons - that it would be a waste of their time to to there now - and speed, because I believe it best for this immate not be

interrogated, by efficials at the present time, because I have his confidence and he will inform me of any new developments. Sere he to be questioned now he would know where the information came from and he would get word to the outside that I had talked and that would mean the outfit would scatter out. I gave these two D. of J. men the location of the main rendervous in Indiana and something from that source should develop in the next few days.

《门》中,《京都》的《《中国》 I do not know, yet, who sauggled the guis into the prison but I do have a lead on it. It will take me a few days to get the positive information. In the interim I would suggest that the B. of J. locate and keep under surveillance a Miss Booksarding. She will either be in Chicago, Michigan City or Portland. That can be determined by getting the address at Michigan City from the visitors record. She has been writing and visiting Willard Comer at that prison.

I have had word that I may be returned to Indiana sometime next month to testify in a perjury case. Of course I realize that it is up to the Att. Gen. to say whether or not I shall be removed from this place for that purpose. If I am returned to act in that capacity I would like to make this suggestion; that during that time. I be placed in the quetody of two able B. of J. men the are capable of assuring the role of an underworld. character. I will introduce them and set them in with the different out fits throughout Central Indiana whom are associated with the men who escaped from Michigan City, . I can guarantee that within 48 hours of our arrival in Indiana I will be in contact with at least four men who are escaped from M. Q. Through them the location of the rest can be obtained. I have worked in this capacity before - letters in Mr. Buelhlars office will verify that and also state the reliability of my statements and the dependency that can be placed in me during such

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It my seem that I have some ulterior motive in view for offering these suggestions. Such is not the same, I am marely trying so get my slate slean and I have the promise of a 7. 0. Inspector to try to get to gob with the D. of J. as an undercover men. With the experiences I have had in prison life and with the associations I have made, I undoubtedly would be successful in this work.

called on me today.

Respectfully,

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RECORDEL levinber 23, 1933 NOV 2 5 1933 Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation. S. S. Department of Justice, Calte he Pederal Delicing. Tanana City, Electric Dear Mire Mith reference to your letter dated Novem , 1933 with which you treamlitted a sour of a letter received from Dalled . States Pentientlary Lanes, Fort Leavesworth, Laness, by Br. Robert Sudspoth, Barden of the Pentiton Laty is chick were sets forth a proposition to essist in the apprehension of vertain secepts convicts from the Ind Lana State Pris Ion are instructed to pake secondary arren ments with Marden Rudspoth to be notified when returned to Indiana to testify in a perjury case so that appropriate arrangements can be made with either the its troit or Gincinnati Offices of the Bivision to have to ever information he cares to divalge with reference ! the shereaboute of the escaped posture. ory braly years, 60 - Detrais Cincinnati NOV 23 1985 8 * CEPTAIN OF METISE

(E): (E) 52-29927 Special Agent in Charge. Division of Investigation, W. E. Department of Justice, 625 Lafarette Beilding, Detroit Michigan MESEL CLUE. of al scapes from Indiana State Priso Door Mrs In addition to the photographs furnished to you with my letter dated Forester 5, 1973 in the above-pathilled ease, I say branchiting herewith photographs of four additional ex-convicts whose descriptions are set out below and which should be played t the priverse side of the perpective photographs. These individ are belleved to be associating with the wight furitions lighed in my letter dated Bovesber 5, 1993, lobe billing or Yeste bes Les II in 1924 Len 19 la 1920 believe fruit Boleble 3-11-1/2 Felghte 153 Boight LTS And builds Kedina bellds fleedur Colors Valla Colors Falte Proce Follow plate Prop May Halts Bedies Chesters lairs Dark Chestant Complexions Sedime Complexion: Durk Doespetione Miles Occupations Machinist. Barks and Sears: Sour of 1/20 Marte and Scares Teltoo, such boby loft hand; sear steale MOPE sight foregras weer of apper My brown sole between 1-1/4" middle ferebead edge ereprose MIZ Pingerpriates (12) Incerprintes (22) 17 £ 100 13 Frison aumbert 13225

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Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Further reference is made to my letter to you dated today, with which was enclosed a memorandum Appubmitted by Special Agent W. J. Devereux, indicating the contacts with an individual by the name of JOE TAXLOR concerning the escape of various prisoners from the Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana.

There is attached hereto an additional aupplied by Special Agent Devereux.

Very truly yours,

M. H. FURVIS, Special Agent in Charge

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Memorandum for Mr. Purvis.

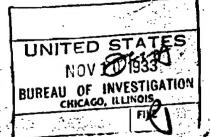
Re: Escapes from Indiana State Penitentiary, Michigan City, Indiana.

Supplementing my memorandum regarding the above subject, dated ovember 8, 1933 I wish to state that during my talks with the seph aylor, the under cover operator for Warden Louis unkel, he mentioned that he had four of the escaped convicts lined up in Ohio, stating that they were around Defiance, Ohio, but would not enlarge on the information, stating that he could get them any time he wanted.

Today I talked with Detective Leo Berner of the South Bend police regarding the information which Taylor might have given the police the same night he talked to me, and Mr. Berner stated that Taylor told him and the other officers that he had four of the escaped convicts lined up near Bremen, Indiana.

It is probable, in view of the varying locations of the four convicts, as related by Taylor, that the whole thing is concocted and that there is no truth in anything he says.

> Devereux Special Agent



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Repartment of Justice 1900 Bankers Bldg., Chicago, Illinois November 10, 1933

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Director, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

There is attached hereto a copy of a memorandum submitted to me by Special Agent W. J. Devereux concerning the recent escapes from the Indiana State Penitentiary at Michigan City, Indiana.

In this memorandum it will be noted that an individual by the name of MOE TAYLOR has requested the assistance of this Division in the placing of a Special Agent, working undercover, in with some of the escapes whom he claims to have located.

Special Agent Devereux, in addition to this memorandum, has informed me that he specifically requested Taylor to advise him as to the locations of these prisoners, whose whereabouts he claims to know. He declined to furnish this information to Special Agent Devereux.

From a discussion of this matter with Agent
Devereux and from noting the so-called developments mentioned
by Taylor, it is my opinion that he is entirely unreliable
and that the information in his possession is without value
whatever. I will keep in touch with this situation and
inform the Division of any developments.

Very truly yours,

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M. H. PURVIS, Special Agent in Charge

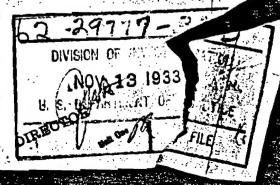
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Bepartment of Justice South Bend, Indiana November 8, 1933

Memorandum for Mr. Purvis.

Re: Indiana State Penitentiary escape, Michigan City, Indiana.

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About 5:00 PM on Monday, November 6, 1933 while at the Federal Building at South Bend, Indiana I received a telephone call from one Too Taylor representing himself as being working for Warden Louis Kunkel of the Indiana State Peniteniary, Michigan City, Indiana, in an attempt to locate and apprehend the escape convicts from said penitentiary. This person desired me to meet him across from the post office building as seen as possible and I did so immediately after the call.

Joe Taylor told me hurridly that he had been working under cover two of the escaped convicts, all that afternoon, drinking and playing cards; that just before he phoned me he had driven the two men to a house located at the north west corner of Washington and La Porte Streets, South Bend, Indiana. He suggested that I go with him later that night to meet the two men, representing myself as being an convict, just as he had been doing. I told him that I could hardly work under cover in South Bend since I had been living here too long. He wanted to know then whether I could suggest someone to do such work. I told him that I would call into Chicago and ask you.

Taylor then stated that he wanted to call Warden Kunkel and get — some information and accordingly he accompanied me to my residence where he put in a call for Louis E. Kunkel. Warden of the Indiana State Penitentiary. Lichigan City, Indiana. When the connection was made, I gathered from the one sided conversation that "arden Kunkel, upon being told by Taylor that he, Taylor had been with two of the escapes that afternoon, asked him why he did not cause the two escapes to be arrested. Taylor stated over the phone that he had in mind to work along with the two men in South Bend for awhile in hope of getting some information regarding two more of the escapes; that he Taylor knew where four of the convicts were in this and he thought that he could catch all eight of the men if he were allowed to proceed in his own way. The upshoat of the conversation must have been that Tunkel told him to go ahead and do the job the way he wanted.

Later, after receiving advice from you that it would not be possible to put a man in with the two persons supposed to be the escapes, I informed Taylor who immediately stated that the whole deal was off; that couldn't get cooperation and therefor he was going to drop the entire work. I suggested to him that my idea of the matter was to go and take the two escapes he had lined up and forget about the others for the time being. He stated he didn't want to do that but finally stated he might consider it. I also suggested that the South Bend police be contacted for assistance but he stated that he would not work with the police; that he did not trust them, and that if he decided to 'take' the escapes he would do it himself.

Taylor got in touch with later in the evening and asked me to go out with him which I did. We went to the suspected house and upon being admitted and shown to the room of a man whom Taylor called George, he, Taylor, wanted me to take the man into custody on the theory that he was a member of the 'Hhaki Shirts' from Philadelphia. I told him that I could not take the man into custody for any such reason. I assured myself that the man, who gave his name as George Husvar, was not any of the escaped convicts. Taylor acted pretty tough throughout the affair and I began to entertain doubts as to whether he had ever seen any of the escaped convicts, much less having been around with them all day long.

After I left Taylor for the night, he telephoned me and stated that

he had had Chief of Police Kuespert arrest George Husvar.

The next day, Tuesday, November 7, 1933 I went to Michigan City, Indiana where I had a long talk with Warden Lewis E. Kunka, of the Indiana State Penitentiary. Mr. Kunkel, in response to my inquiries regarding Taylor, informed me that while Taylor was working for him in trying to get a line on the escaped convicts, he had known nothing of the man before he came to Michigan City a short while after the escape with an introduction from Mr. Chester, secretary to Congressman Pettengill of South Bend. Indiana. Warden Kunkel told me that Taylor had served time at Michigan City prison for forgery some time ago and was supposed to know some of the men who had escaped from the prison and was in a position to get further valuable information. He stated however, that he doubted whether Taylor knew anything more about the whereabouts of the escapes than any ordinary citizen. He stated that Taylor had been running all over the State of Indiana on what were supposed to be 'hot tips' but that thus far there has been no information regarding the whereabouts of any of the escapes. much less the bodies of the escapes. In other words Warden Kunkel is of the opinion that Taylor is a fraud and knows nothing of value.

While at the prison, I informed the warden that he ought to take advantage of our fingerprint division in posting his wanted notices when men escaped the institution and that the best thing to do would be to wire the name and prison number of the escape and later follow the wire with a letter of request. I also told him that if the Division could be of use to him in running out leads in different parts of the country he should

get in touch with the Chicago Division office.

After talking with the warden I returned to South Bend and talked with Chief of Police Kuespert who, after hearing of my experience with Taylor, told me that Taylor had appeared at the station late during the night of November 6, 1933 and told them that two of the escaped convicts from Michigan City were in the house at Washington and LaPorte Streets. The police went out to the place and found only Husvar, who was taken into custody but released on November 7, 1933. The thief expressed the view that Taylor was trying to 'ride' the warden of the penitentiary for what money he could get, and did not possess any information of the whereabouts of any of the escaped men.

My own opinion is that Taylor is either 'stir crazy' or has hallucinations, and has no idea whatever of where the escaped convicts are I have not seen him since the night of November 6, 1933 but if I do, I intend to try and get him to tell me just what his idea was in telling his 'stories' about the escaped convicts, and how far he thought he could get, by, going around under authority of the prison and getting our division and the police out on a trail that was foolish to start with.

From what Mr. Kunkel told me I think that Taylor will be told to stop operating for the prison and that his help will not be wanted.

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